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## REPUBLICAN SENATORIAL CAUCUS.

H. Clay Dempsey Elected First Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—The Evans Combination Defeated—Fisher President Pro Tem.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 6.—The speaker-ship contest took a peculiar turn yesterday in the selection of E. C. Curtis of Hankook county, as a candidate unaffiliated with any faction in the party and before the caucus his nomination was not only conceded but accepted as a happy solution of the contest in the interest of the party.

In the caucus which was held in the ladies' ordinary of the Leland hotel last night, the other candidates for speaker, Messrs. Allen, Cochran, Solby and Bryan put Curtis in nomination and seconded his nomination and he became the choice of the caucus by acclamation.

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Windsor of DeWitt county, 4; scattering, 2.

For second assistant doorkeeper three ballots were taken. The first ballot stood: Henry Halls of Danville, 89; John F. Spaulding of Ogle county, 41; D. E. Knook of Schuyler county, 13. On the third ballot Spaulding was chosen, Knook having been dropped. The vote stood: Spaulding, 44; Halls, 42.

For third assistant doorkeeper, ex-Representative George S. Caughlin of East St. Louis, was chosen. The vote stood: Caughlin, 47; L. C. Valle of Chicago, 31; Robert Blue of McLean county; Inman E. Morgan of Springfield, 5; J. O. Burton of Floris, 4.

For Postmistress Mrs. Millicent Jackson of Marion county, was chosen. The vote stood: Mrs. Jackson, 57; Miss Carrie F. Stephenson of Petersburg, 16; Miss Magie Hower of Springfield, 10; Mrs. Robert of Springfield, 9; Miss Mary Rowett of Carlinville, 2. There was much excitement over the election of the assistant postmistress. The candidates were Miss Mary Rowett of Carlinville, Miss Mamie E. Cowan of Christian county, Miss Elizabeth Ritter of Springfield, Miss Edith Martin of Springfield, Miss Kyndall of Cass county, and Miss Caroline Shaw of Springfield. The first ballot stood: Rowett, 39; Cowan, 33; Ritter, 9; Martin, 4; Kyndall, 2; Shaw, 8; Miss Stevenson of Menard (not a candidate), 1. No choice. On the second ballot there were two extra votes, due to fraud or mistake, and another ballot was ordered. On the third ballot 91 votes were cast. This was five more than the number of members in the caucus.

"Somebody has been stuffing the ballot box," said Chairman Noh. "This ballot will be thrown out. Now, the next ballot must be honest, and I will appoint Mr. Glade and Mr. Sharrock to stand by the tellers and watch the votes as they are dropped into the box."

The fourth ballot then proceeded. It resulted in the election of Miss Cowan, she receiving 53 votes to 33 for Miss Rowett, all the other candidates having been dropped.

Charles E. Dole of Coles county, was chosen for enrolling and engrossing clerk, receiving 44 votes to 38 for ex-Representative S. M. Smith of Shawneetown.

For first assistant enrolling and engrossing clerk, S. M. Smyth of Shawneetown, was chosen on the second ballot.

Moses W. Porter of Alton, was chosen second assistant.

Charles A. Allen, on motion of Mr. Shanahan, was nominated by acclamation for temporary speaker.

The caucus adjourned at 10:40 p. m.

## SENATORIAL CAUCUS.

The contest among Republicans for control of the senate was fully as hot as that among the representatives for the speakership. What is known as the Evans crowd have organized the senate for many years. A determined effort was made to defeat it this time and the opposition succeeded in producing a majority in the caucus and the Evans crowd was accordingly downed. The caucus was held at the same time that the house caucus was held.

Senator H. V. Fisher was named for president pro tem of the senate. No other name was presented. Other officers were chosen as follows: James H. Padcock of Springfield, secretary; James Conwell of Cook, first assistant secretary; C. J. McManus of Bureau county, second assistant secretary; Charles Wanger of Cook county, third assistant secretary; Captain J. C. Ware of Champaign county, sergeant at arms; H. C. Dempsey of Decatur, first assistant sergeant at arms; W. F. Baird of Cook, second assistant sergeant at arms; Fanny M. Worthington of Sterling, postmistress; Mrs. Ida Bacon of Aurora, first assistant; C. W. Baldwin of Cook county, enrolling and engrossing clerk; P. M. Warner of Roseville, first assistant; C. A. Horb of Alton, second assistant; W. B. Merrill of Bloomington, third assistant; Clarence Root of Cook county, bill clerk; Rev. A. G. Ogdood of Mibook, chaplain; N. N. Coon, Mouth, superintendent of ventilation; James Logan of Olney, first assistant; John Donovan of Cook county, mail carrier; Prim White Milledale, John W. Smalley of Cook, Martin Bankin of Vermont, and J. H. Jenkins of Stevens, senate policemen; R. S. Donalds, janitor of Republican cloak room.

The following were selected to make up the standing committees of the senate: Senators Bogardus, Anthony, Harding, Dwyer and Willoughby.

The following senators were selected to act as a steering committee: Dunlap, Monroe, McCleod and Lundin.

Sensors Kingsbury, Putnam and Morrison were selected as members of the joint steering committee.

Sensors Fitzpatrick, Monroe, Fort, Kanan and Sullivan were selected to be members of the joint inauguration committee.

## THE DEMOCRATS.

The Democrats of the house and senate also held caucuses and went through the form of naming candidates for office in the house and senate.

## THE HOUSE ORGANIZED.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 6.—The house was crowded on the floor and in the galleries when Secretary of State Hinrichsen called the house to order. After prayer and roll call, the officers selected at the caucus last night, were elected. The new speaker, S. E. Curtis, was escorted to the chair after which committees were appointed to wait on the senate and on Governor Altgeld and notify them that the house was ready for business.

After Governor Altgeld submitted his message the house adjourned till tomorrow.

To-Day's Session of the Senate. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 6.—A large crowd was on hand to witness the opening session of the fortieth general assembly. The weather was beautiful. The opening was without special ceremony. At noon Lieutenant Governor Gill called the senate to order. All the incoming state officials except Tanner were present. After prayer the officers selected at the Republican caucus last night were formally elected. Committees were appointed to notify the house that the senate was in session and the governor that the senate was ready to receive any communications from him.

The return of the committee to call on Governor Altgeld was quickly followed by his private secretary with the biennial message, after receiving which it adjourned till tomorrow.

It is expected the senate Republican steering committee will meet as soon as Allison, its chairman, arrives and will probably consider the assignment at an early day for the Pacific railroad funding bill and the general order of business as several bills are pressing for consideration.

The bill providing for free homesteads to homestead settlers in Oklahoma was taken up and discussed at length.

## RECOGNITION METHODS.

Senator Hale's "Memorandum" Bearing Upon the Cuban Question.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Senator Hale yesterday presented to the senate a "memorandum on the method of recognition of foreign governments and foreign states by the government of the United States from 1789 to 1897," which, notwithstanding the document makes no such claim, is unquestionably intended to bear upon the question of the recognition of Cuba.

Assuming that the recognition of the Spanish-American republics by the United States and England may be taken as typical, the conclusions reached are:

"1. Definitive independence can be held to be established, and recognition is consequently not legitimate, so long as a substantial struggle is being maintained by the formerly sovereign state for the recovery of its authority.

"2. A mere pretension on the part of the formerly sovereign state or a struggle so inadequate as to offer no reasonable ground for supposing that success may ultimately be obtained is not enough to keep alive the rights of the state and to prevent foreign countries from falling under an obligation to recognize as a state the community claiming to have become one."

The memorandum takes up serially the various acts of recognition by this government, beginning with the recognition of the independence of the French Republic in 1793, when President Washington received M. Genet, who had been duly accredited as minister after the proclamation of the republic by the convention of 1793. He calls attention to the fact that in order that this government might be prompt in recognition of the various changes in the French form of government at this critical period, the president supplied the American minister to Paris with a blank form for that purpose.

Coming down to the close of the Franco-German war in 1870, when the new republic was proclaimed by Gambetta, it is represented that Mr. Washburne, our minister at Paris, was authorized by telegraph from the secretary of state to give recognition, the president tendering his congratulations.

## IT WILL BE FRANKS.

Indianapolis, Jan. 6.—The nomination, by the Republicans of Charles W. Fairbanks for United States senator, is now practically assured. He will succeed Voorhees.

## Mrs. Leane's Home Sold.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 6.—Mrs. Leane's home was sold at sheriff sale today for \$800. It was bought by eastern mortgagees. It cost \$8000.

## Weyler Will Not Be Recalled.

Madrid, Jan. 6.—The Epoca publishes a formal denial that the government has any intention of superseding Weyler as captain general of Cuba.

Jacob Yoris, a farmer living near St. Jose, is seriously ill from blood poison, caused by the dropping of a weight on his toes last summer.

## The Weldon Record.

The Weldon Record, a paper that has been established four years at Weldon, De Witt county, has suspended for want of patronage.

## CUBA AGAIN.

The Question Again Consumes Some Time in the United States Senate.

## SENATOR FALL OF FLORIDA SPEAKS

Resolutions Passed Calling For Information From the President and Secretary of State—The Maybrick Resolution Postponed.

Washington, Jan. 6.—In the senate this morning Hale (Me.) secured the adoption of a resolution directing the secretary of state to send to the senate a statement as to the action of the president or secretary of state touching the recognition of any foreign people or power as an independent government and corresponding action of other branches of the United States government.

Pettigrew of South Dakota, secured an agreement to his resolution calling on the secretary of the interior for a statement of the amount of subsidies paid by the Union and Central Pacific railroads to the Pacific mail steamship line.

Call of Florida, then delivered an address on his Cuban resolutions, introduced yesterday, concerning the condemnation of Julio Sangulilly. Call referred to a report from the state department as to the killing of Charles Gavin. The report omitted many important features which would have disclosed that Consul General Lee believed that Gavin had been tied to a tree and chopped to pieces.

At the close of Call's speech his resolution calling for the correspondence in the Sangulilly case was agreed to. The senate then went into executive session, Lodge stating, for the purpose of considering two treaties.

The joint resolution requesting Great Britain to pardon Mrs. Maybrick was indefinitely postponed.

## ILLIOPOLIS ACCIDENTS.

A Lad Shot in One Ankle—Mrs. O'Brien Has a Serious Fall.

Illioopolis, Ill., Jan. 6.—Andrew, oldest son of Ryan, Koltzoff, living eight miles northwest of this village, was accidentally shot in one ankle joint yesterday afternoon by a pistol in the hands of his brother. Amputation may be necessary.

Mrs. Joseph O'Brien, an aged lady, fell and broke her arm and dislocated her hip.

Dropped Dead.

Illioopolis, Jan. 6.—Hugh Quinlan of this place, dropped dead. His sudden death was the result of heart failure, from which he had suffered for some time. He was 70 years old and a highly respected citizen.

## Wool Growers Hear.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The hearing on the wool schedule of the tariff brought many farmers and manufacturers to the ways and means committee room today. John G. Clark, Washington county, Pennsylvania, of the Wool Growers' association declared that the free wool clause of the Wilson law had prostrated wool growing in the United States. The experiment of free trade was a crime. The value of lands had declined and sheep men in all parts of the country were driven from business. The sheep raisers asked only a moderate duty that would enable them to continue business. Wheeler, Democrat of Alabama, of the committee asked if clothing for working men had not been cheaper under free wool. Clark replied, most of the clothing sold is now shoddy. The importation of shoddy had increased under the Wilson law. The hour given to Judge William Lawrence, president of the National Wool Growers' association, present on the wishes of that body. His statement was an exhaustive review of the wool industry under different tariff rates during the last half of the century. He declared the Wilson law stopped one-third of the wool growing business and closed half the mills of the country. There had been no adequate protection on wool since 1867.

Lawrence declared that McKinley was elected by the vote of the wool growers in half a dozen states, who would have voted for Bryan had they not considered protection to wool of more importance than free silver. If protection is not given to wool there will be a free silver congress two years hence and in four years a free silver president and congress. The McKinley bill as it came from the author, was mod- erated protection on wool, but in addition the skirting clause and ad valorem rates made it disastrous. Then came the Wilson law under this the number of sheep in the United States decreased three million a year with a loss of \$40,000,000, according to official statistics. Unofficial and more accurate statistics prove a loss to the wool growers through the Wilson

rates to have been \$178,700,000. Mutton sheep which should be raised in this country, are being imported from Canada. The wool growers association asked a tariff of 12 cents a pound on Merino wools, 24 cents on washed; 36 cents on secured; dropping off the skirting clause.

## MCKINLEY IN CANTON.

Returns Home to Attend to Business and Meet Senator Allison.

Canton, Jan. 6.—McKinley drove from Cleveland this morning and came first to his mother's home, after greeting her, he proceeded to his own residence. Senator Allison of Iowa, arrived from Pittsburg in company with General Felix Angus of Baltimore American. Allison proceeded directly to McKinley's home while Angus stopped down town for breakfast. General Angus joined Allison at the McKinley home at noon. They and McKinley were in close conference a long time. Allison left for Washington at 2 p. m. Nothing was given out concerning the nature of the conference but it is understood that General Angus came to confer on the question of a southern man for the cabinet.

## SENSATION PROMISED.

The Theft of Papers Touching the Calumet Electric Railway May Connect With the Bank of Illinois.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—New complications are forthcoming as the result of the failure of the National Bank of Illinois. Colonel W. V. Jacobs of the original Calumet Electric railway organization who was forced out of control in 1893 claims to be unable to push his claims against the officers of the bank because all the papers relating to his connection with the Calumet Electric were stolen by one of his confidential clerks. It is said the theft of the papers are the sequel of conspiracy which promises sensational developments.

## Ursuline Sisters Burned.

Reverend. Lake St. John, Que., Jan. 6.—The lives of seven Ursuline sisters were lost today in a fire which destroyed the convent of Our Lady of Lake St. John. The secular names of the dead are Eliza Gosselin, Rose Gosselin, Emma Letourneau, Miss Garneau, Laura Hudson, Miss Bouillie and Louise Girard.

When it became known that the convent was on fire there was great consternation in the village. Ordinarily there are nearly one hundred persons in the institution but most of the students were home on a holiday vacation. The utmost confusion prevailed. So far as can be learned all the students escaped. With the nuns, however, the case was different. Their special care in looking after the welfare of the girls detained them and when the roll was called seven of the devoted women did not respond. They were overtaken by the flames and perished. The financial loss is \$75,000.

## University Presidents Meet.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 6.—The presidents of eleven western universities are meeting here to discuss various matters. One of the important features being to secure uniformity in the standard of requirements for admission. The football question will also likely be discussed. The institutions represented are the Universities of Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska, Indiana, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin and Purdue university.

## Fire at Sea.

Southport, Conn., Jan. 6.—Fire was discovered at sea this morning. A mile off the shore a vessel of some kind is burning fiercely. At daylight the weather began to thicken and the burning vessel drifted from view. A tug put out to the rescue.

## The Stramer that Put Out to the Burning

ing wreck of a vessel this morning found the schooner L. M. Bonnell burned to the water's edge. There is no trace of the crew.

## Spreading the Plague in India.

Bombay, Jan. 6.—The mill operatives and families are quitting the city in a body, a quarter of a million unemployed to go to the country districts. It is estimated that 825,000 persons have fled the city as the result of the bubonic plague as scattering contagion in all the villages up the country.

## Cameron was Absent.

Washington, Jan. 6.—In the absence of Cameron the senate committee on foreign relations did not call up the Cuban question today. When the committee adjourned the opinion was expressed by some members that the Cameron resolution would not be pressed in the senate.

## Weather Probabilities.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Generally fair tonight and Thursday; warmer northwest tonight; warmer Thursday; westerly winds becoming variable.

## Mrs. Fidelia A. Lake of Decatur, and

Wm. S. Smith of Harriestown, have been granted original pensions through the agency of M. Shea, pension attorney.

## A force of men were at work today

whitewashing the interior of the county jail.

## DROPPED DEAD.

Errant the Musician Suddenly Expires When He Hears the Report of Attempt at Murder.

## GOV. CLOUGH INAUGURATED.

Gov. Altgeld Still Keeps His Pardon Mill Going—Pardons the Meadow-crofts Who He Says Were Not Guilty.

New York, Jan. 6.—Last night Michael Mintzer shot his sweetheart, Katie Dunn, a domestic, in the kitchen of Aublieb Errant, then shot himself. Neither wound is considered fatal. After the girl was removed to the hospital, Mrs. Errant informed her husband of the deed and he being subject to heart disease, dropped dead. Errant was an aged musician who numbered among his pupils years ago, Minnie Hawk and Emma Thursday.

## Gov. Clough Inaugurated.

St. Paul, Jan. 6.—Governor Clough was inaugurated for his second term in the presence of both houses of the legislature and a large number of spectators. Chief Justice Start administered the oath. The governor then read his message.

## Altgeld Pardon Mill Still Goes.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 6.—Governor Altgeld commuted the sentence of Charles J. and Frank M. Meadowcroft of Chicago, convicted for receiving perquisites when their banks were insolvent from the penitentiary to sixty days in jail. He said the bank was insolvent when they took charge of it, after their father died in 1893, and that there had been no evidence that they speculated, or were guilty of fraud in any way.

## THAT CHICAGO COUNT.

He Took His False Name, Dr. Frank S. Rhoades, from a Decatur Man Who Was a School Mate.

There has been a good deal in the newspapers during the past few days in regard to a Count Peter Justus, who was arrested as Chicago for a number of offenses. At the time of his arrest he was living under the alias of Dr. Frank S. Rhoades. It is a peculiar coincidence that the count was a schoolmate of Dr. Frank O. Rhoades, the dentist of this city. Dr. Rhoades says that the man was in his class at the Philadelphia dental college and at that time was known as Peter Justus. He pretended to hail from Portugal and as he was a clever linguist he could speak the language of that country fluently and consequently was able to keep up the lie. As a matter of fact he was not from Portugal but was a Roman Jew and really owed a little of count. Some of the students at school learned of Justus' title and he was called "count" by his school mates although many of them did not know that the title was his. Dr. Rhoades says Justus was a smooth man and swindled all his friends whenever he got a chance. He played poker and lived high most of the time he was attending school. The count derived his name of Dr. Frank S. Rhoades from the Dr. Rhoades of this city in a rather peculiar way. One of the professors at the college was an Austrian and spoke with a very broad accent. When he addressed the Decatur Dr. Rhoades he always called him by his full name and in his broken tongue would say "Frankie" Rhoades. The manner in which the name was spoken became a joke with the students and was finally called by them "Frank S." Rhoades, on account of the similarity to "Frankie" as pronounced by the professor. Dr. Rhoades of Decatur, says that the nickname of his was chosen by the count as an alias and that is how he is now living as Dr. Frank S. Rhoades.

## New Store.

Charles Hughes has rented the store room formerly occupied by the opera house pharmacy and today opened for business. He will carry a line of drugs, stationery, confectionery and will also run a news stand in connection with the other businesses. Frank Swearingen has been engaged as pharmacist.

## Sold His Gallery.

In the office of the circuit clerk today Henry Kadigan filed a bill for the sale of his photograph gallery and fixtures to Charles Horn. The consideration named was \$1000.

## Last night the police raided Mrs. The-

rou's place on West Main street in the 100 block and arrested four inmates, two girls and two men. There were landed in jail, and one gave bond. This forenoon the parties were before Justice Khorst and Provost and pleaded guilty, paying their fines.



## SELF-DEVELOPMENT.

Borrow and the Ministry of Pain Often Perfects the Character.

It is the misfortune of young people before they become fully engaged in the relations of life and business, that they look too much to acquaintances for encouragement, and make the amusement which their associates furnish too indispensable. The tender mind of youth is reluctant, or unable to stand alone; it needs to be one of a class. Hence the hours that ought to be spent in the acquisition of that general knowledge which is so useful in after life, and which can be acquired only in youth, are thrown away in the most inglorious pursuits, for acquaintances are seldom the companions of study or the auxiliaries of business.

Emotions that are not followed up by their appropriate action have a tendency to decrease and perish. Thus selfishness and tendency and ready sympathy, if allowed to expend themselves without producing any practical effort to relieve suffering or to give happiness, grow feeble and feeble until they degenerate into a puerile self-pity which makes even cruelty and injustice possible. Manners have been cynically defined as a thing by which wise men keep fools at a distance. Fashion is shrewd to detect those who do not belong to her train; and seldom wastes her attention. Society is very swift in its instincts, and if you do not belong to it, resists and sneers at you, or quietly drops you. Accordingly, the conditions and surroundings of life are largely what we make them. This is the case, first of all, through our direct influence. We are raised or lowered by our associations. Men are generally alike in their lower nature; it is in the higher character that they differ. Manners, temper, intellect and morals are all directly influenced by our surroundings, and those who choose for themselves friends of an inferior caste—whether of mind or manners, of morals or of conduct—fall to the level of their choice. As a general thing we reap that which we have sown. But where it is not so, where circumstances over which we have no control come in, the form of trials or joys, even these are greatly modified by the spirit in which they are received. Who has not seen poverty or bereavement borne so heroically and cheerfully that the afflicted one seemed rather an object of envy than of compassion? On the other hand, who has not seen one with every outward advantage that earth has to bestow rendering himself and others miserable by fretful complaints of troubles too petty to deserve a moment's notice? There are millions of human beings who, but for suffering, would never have developed an atom of affection. There are powers to be borne, creations to be perfected, through the ministry of pain, which could be borne and perfected in no other way.

Our sorrows, which appear to us nothing but a yawning chasm or hideous precipice, may turn out to be but the joining or cement which binds together the fragments of our existence into a solid whole. The dark and crooked path, in which we have to grope our way in doubt and fear, may be but the curve which, in full daylight of a brighter world, will appear to be the necessary finish of some choice ornaments, the inevitable span to some bright project. The finer the nature the more flaws will it show through the clearness of it. The best things the most seldom seen in their best form; same as a tender-hearted and compassionate disposition which inclines men to pity and feel the misfortunes of others, and which is even for its own sake incapable of inculcating any man in misery, is of all temper of mind the most amiable one, and though it never receives much honor, is worthy of the highest. One thing we should always remember, that our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we do fall.

Stanhurst Prison Mirror.

**DANGEROUS FUNNEL TRICK.**  
Veteran Club Man Tried It Twice Before Getting Enough.

The funnel trick is an ingenious practical joke recently introduced in the London clubs. An old gentleman, whom we will call Jeremiah Brown, was victimized by it recently. He sauntered up to the club the other day and saw two or three of the younger members attempting a new feat and he watched them with interest. One of them stuck a funnel in the top of his trousers, threw his head back, placed a shilling on his forehead and tried to drop it in the funnel by slowly raising his head.

After all had failed Jerry insisted on trying it, though all tried to persuade him from attempting a feat too difficult for them. The funnel was placed in the waistband of his trousers and he threw back his head to receive the coin on his expansive brow. At that juncture a jug of water was emptied into the funnel, and by the time Jerry had finished dancing the jokers had vanished.

Jerry's temper improved with dry rambling, and the next night at the club he started in to show a couple of friends the funnel trick.

"It's this way," he explained, "you put the funnel in, so, then throw your head back, so, and—wow!"

Again Jerry was forced to change his raiment, and he is not showing people what he knows about the funnel trick.—London Telegraph.

**The Clover Leaf Design.**  
Clover blossoms and leaves are much the fashion, both in art needlework and pair of on china. When used in needlework they are laid on the linen where they are to be embroidered, with the long stems overlapping each other, so that they form a circle. The flowers may be worked in white with touches of pale green, in pale pink and white, or may be of white shading into a pinkish purple. Charming tea-cloths and doilies, decorated with clover blossoms and leaves, have a trefoil edge, consisting of a row of three scallops that are conventionalized clover leaves.—N. Y. Post.

## PITH AND POINT.

"She 'I see they have now a 'Woman's Dictionary.' Do you suppose that differs from any other?" He—"Probably has more words in it."—Yonkers Statesman.

"Bixby has given up learning to play chess." "Too much for his mental caliber?" "No, he hurt his jaw trying to pronounce the names of the leading players."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"I'd like to ask one thing," said the cross boarder. "What is it, please?" asked the landlady. "How do you get this steak cooked so hard without even getting it hot?"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"I am a plain man," said Bloughly, "and I believe in being practical. I love you, and I want you to be my wife." "Well," replied the fair one, "how much are you worth?"—Philadelphia North American.

"You are over 40; why don't you marry?" "Because I do not care to marry an elderly woman, while a young girl could be foolish to marry me, and I do not care to marry a foolish girl."—Philadelphia Blatter.

A Martyr to the Cause.—"Your teacher tells me you were not at school yesterday. Now, young man, you know what you are going to get." Bob (firmly)—"I do, pop, and I'm willing to be flogged any day for a circus parade like that."—Life.

Time to Quit.—"Do you think your daughter has good time, Grampsey?" "If she has no better time while she is thumping that old piano than I have, you better present your bill, professor, and quit."—Detroit Free Press.

Misunderstood Her Meaning.—Algy—"Miss Cutting evidently thinks Cholly and I are fast friends." Horace—"How do you know?" Algy—"Why, last night when she saw us come in the room together she said: 'Two souls with but a single thought.' How full of sentiment she is." Brooklyn Life.

"Well," said the sarcastic man, as he walked out of the theater between acts, "I'm ever so much obliged to that girl who sits in front of me. I don't know, but I'll tell her so." "You mean the one with the frightfully big hat?" "Yes." "I don't see what you're obliged to her for." "For not raising her paragon."—Detroit Tribune.

**FEDERATION OF WOMEN.**  
Benefits of the Sisterhood Movement in the United States.

One of the greatest benefits of the whole system of woman's clubs seems likely to result from the new movement for federation. Already have the various club gatherings drawn women from all sections of the country together in something quite distinct from the old-fashioned temperance and other conventions. In these the women appeared merely upon the seats prepared for them, at hours prepared for them, and listened to speakers rarely of their own sex, who came all prepared to speak one way. There never was any argument or opening for discussion. No matter how the poor little feminine heart might boil over with question or indignation, it was to no purpose and brought her to no conclusion. But the woman who comes to meet other sisters of state or national federation comes as a representative of a group of earnest women and is expected not always to appear on the list of speakers, else of these there would be no end; but she is expected in the open discussion to say what she has to say modestly, courteously, sincerely and in a parliamentary manner, having no fear that her opinion will not be met in the same spirit. She brings her offering and she takes away greater gifts in return. There is probably no factor which has been more largely instrumental in smoothing away the sectional irritation left from the civil war than this mingling and commingling of the northern and southern women. Said one to me, showing how radically a woman's ideas may change: "I have been brought up to believe that hospitality existed only among my own people in the south. I received an object lesson during my late visit to the north, for in Boston I was entertained, and not only I, but entirely uninterested visitors to the federation, in the same spirit and by the same cordial devices that I had heretofore supposed never crossed into Yankee land."

"I have seen the spirit of understanding, of appreciation and sisterhood increasing day by day. I have heard its ingenious expression of surprise in the first revelation to a woman of her former narrowness. I have been in Tennessee, in the bayou lands, in Florida, in Mississippi and South Carolina, the recipient of its generous fruitfulness. We are all surprised to find that there never has been any real reason why we should 'thank the Lord that we were not born' in some other less favored land; for when brought together intelligently with a common purpose we are all, as a dear old lady expressed it, 'own folks.' And now the southern woman welcomes new ideas from her northern sisters graciously, often, however, molding them with her graceful hand to her own needs until they are almost unrecognizable."—Ladies' Home Journal.

**How to Make Bananas Harmless.**  
The banana yields more food to the acre than any other plant, and yet it disagrees with no end of northern stomachs. This is because we eat it the wrong way. But the wide of a missionary to the tropics tells the glad tidings from heathen shores of how to eat a banana. When you have stripped off the willing rind, just scrape off the stringy and hairy coat that lies beneath the rind and you may eat your banana without tasting it all the rest of the day.—Philadelphia Record.

**Not Fit for a Juror.**  
Lawyer—May it please the court, I object to that man as a juror. Judge—Your reason?

"I have three witnesses who can swear that it isn't a week since they saw him at a news stand looking over the papers."—N. Y. Weekly.

## CHINESE CHARACTERISTICS.

Mongolians in New York a Fun-Loving People.

The Chinese are fun-loving people, in spite of their general air of indifference in the presence of strangers. They race up and down stairs, or sometimes through the streets, on a frolic, every man laughing until he is out of breath, pulling eyes, stealing jokes on one another. I recently heard a great commotion in Doyers street on a hot Sunday afternoon when the street was crowded with Chinamen, and, fearing trouble, hurried hastily to the place, only to find one man, the butt of another man's joke, trying to get away from his pursuer, while about 500 laughing men joined in the fun, and finally administered good-natured justice to the perpetrator of the joke. At another time on Sunday afternoon I heard a sudden outcry and scuffling overhead, and the running of scores of feet. I ran into the hall, fearing that the building was on fire, and with a sickening dread at my heart for the Italian children in Bethany Sunday school, which was then in session in the mission room. I saw a man coming down stairs and asked him what was the matter. With a shrug of infinite disdain, he remarked: "Oh, my people too much laughing," and passed on his way. It was only a school-boy joke played by one group of men on another, followed by a general melee, in which shouts and laughter, and the incessant clatter of wooden soles on board floors, made us think of "pandemonium let loose."

Some of the keenest and purest humor and some of the wittiest sallies I have ever heard have fallen from the lips of Chinamen in lower New York. I well remember the amused and contemptuous look with which a Chinaman once said: "Mellon man save (understand) Chinaman alle same number one fool. Chinaman save Mellon man alle same. Chinaman every time gette top side Mellon man," which does not contain a reference to pugilism, but merely means that in a battle of wits the Chinaman "sees through" the American man, and will come out on "top side." They are very quick at repartee, and their black eyes will sparkle with amusement and fun if you jest with them, or when they start the ball rolling among themselves.

They dwell together for years in the same apartments, happy and comfortable. They minister to one another in sickness, bury a relative or neighbor when dead without calling on public charities for help, and in the case of a relative assume the support of the dead man when he is gone. These people—these much derided people—spend hours together in one another's apartments, conversing together, eating together, sometimes smoking the long water-pipe, always with a pot of tea-plant between them. In two years I have seen thousands of such groups, but never yet have I found these men drinking liquor together. I have found them playing cards—sometimes, but not always, gambling; have found them playing their musical instruments, which are harmonious to them, however much they may lack of melody to other ears; or have found them reading or discussing the last Hong Kong or Shanghai daily; but I repeat I have never found them drinking liquor, or in any degree under the influence of intoxication.

The Chinaman celebrates his wedding, not by a drunken carousal, but by the feast that has pocketbook command, to which not only his immediate relatives are invited, but all who have the slightest claim of friendship upon him. A Chinaman who was recently married in West street gave three large feasts in as many restaurants, entertaining several hundred people at each, before he had come the round of his acquaintances and friends. Yet this man was not one of the most prosperous ones. A child's birthday is likewise celebrated with a feast, the wife entertaining her friends in the family home, while her husband entertains his friends at his place of business or in a public restaurant. Helen F. Clark, in Century.

**THE MOON FLOWER.**  
A Plant That Will Delight the Senses at a Garden Lover.

The worldly worth of anything is usually measured by the amount of gratification or pleasure it may afford. Reasoning thus, the garden lover will find it worth his while to hunt a place to put a root or two of Ipomoea Bonai-nex, the well-known moon flower, next spring. It is only an annual; but a plant raised from a cutting during the winter afforded a great deal of pleasure to the writer in its situation on an arbor. The rapidity of its growth enables it to soon cover a small arbor. Its large, clear white flowers stand out from the background of broad, green leaves, making it visible even in the darkness of night, at which time the flowers are open. It is interesting to compare the times of opening and closing. The closing hours are from seven to eight a. m., the times apparently depending on atmospheric conditions. After the cool fall weather sets in, the time of blooming is irregular. The plant above mentioned omitted to bloom one night, and several days after the flowers might be seen during the day, and since at all times.

On two vines, 100 of the immense flowers were recently counted, and this amount is not a limit. Its great blooming ability is the more pronounced when we learn the life of a flower is but the one night, and a fresh set of flowers is produced continuously day after day.

The climbing is accomplished by the twining of the young shoots. A wire or stout string support, with a few wooden strips to bear the weight, is alone necessary.—Meehan's Monthly.

—William Black, the novelist, also paints portraits, is an all round sports man and an enthusiastic botanist.

## Women Who Are Not Slender.

Stout people wear striped silk waists fitted with the tiny point, and two tabs or bretelles of velvet ribbon held by buttons, the longest to the front. Of course, they wear the close sleeve, which, if of striped material, is often cut to bring them bias. A new waist has surprise fronts, the fullness coming from the shoulders and shaped to the figure, with the V and collar of lace, chiffon, etc. Surplice vests of silk are also worn with jacket fronts. A surplice vest in easy folds from the shoulders, yet drawn snugly over the lining, is very becoming to a full figure if the fullness is well down below the top of the waist-line. Another waist for the full figure has jacket fronts cut straight down from the collar, slightly pointed and flat in front, shorter on the sides and at the back where there are three ripple plaits. The vest should be narrow and pointed. Narrow vests, covered with scroll braiding that tapers to a point at the waist and widens toward the top like a V, make figures appear long-waisted. The moderately large sleeves and many-gored skirts now worn are all suitable for short, stout figures. For an outside wrap a close-fitting jacket or half-tight reefer gives the better effect.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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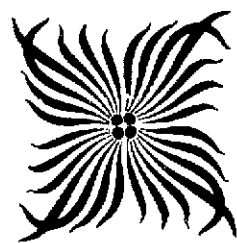
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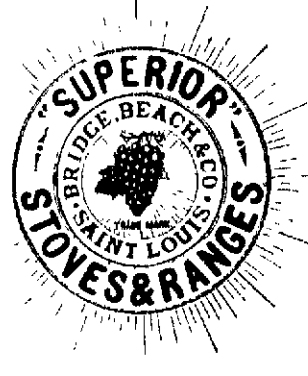


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Afternoon religious meetings are in progress at the First M. E. church conducted by Rev. D. F. Howe assisted by Rev. Henry Lunn.

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Out Meat toilet soap, 1 lb a box, former price, 95c, West's drug store.

Mrs. Thomas C. Ponting is suffering with a tumor at her home at Moweaqua. She will be taken to the Baptist hospital at Chicago to undergo an operation.

New upright pianos \$225, \$250, \$275 and \$300. A good upright piano, slightly used, for \$185 on payments. Call and select for Christmas. Prescott music house.—dec7-dtf

What's the matter with you? Constipated? Cascarets will cure. Eat them like candy.

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The case of Jaremy against Henry Miller in the county court was dismissed. A Mr. Zimmerman of Bondy, was the chief prosecuting witness.

Gentlemen's soiled and faded overcoats or suit of clothes dyed, cleaned, pressed and repaired. Take your clothes to first-class dyers and cleaners to Miller's Steam Dye House, 145 North Main street.

Judge Vail has been selected to be one of the judges at the literary society contest at the Grand opera house Friday night. He will represent Alpha Beta society.

Mama eats a Cascaret, baby gets the benefit. Cascarets make mother's milk mildly purgative.

George W. Ehrhart, the live real estate and loan broker, has moved to 137 North Water street, second floor, stairway next to Race's.—31-dtf

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Shaw will take place at Taylorville Thursday afternoon. The deceased died of pleurisy Monday night. She was the mother of Mrs. Charles Shilling, of North Main street in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Shilling are at Springfield to attend the services.

To Rent—Cheap, to a family without children, a house of four rooms, cellar, well, cistern and city water. Apply on premises, 705 North Union street. —22-dtf

At their hall in Library block last night Chevalier Bayard lodge K. O. P. installed the new officers elected last month. The installation was conducted by Deputy Grand Chancellor Joseph B. Dinges. After the installation the new officers treated the lodge to an oyster supper at Sharr's.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 483, new phone 455. M. F. Metz.—21-dtf

In the county court yesterday Martha J. Scanlan petitioned for an inquisition into the sanity of her husband, John J. Scanlan. The judge ordered the hearing today and named Drs. Dixon and Lee as a commission to make the examination. Mr. Scanlan is a farmer living northwest of the city.

A tired stomach is very much like a sprained ankle. If you suffer from any of the symptoms of dyspepsia, your stomach is tired. It needs a crutch. We must relieve it of all work for a time, or until it is restored to its natural strength. To do this successfully, we must use a food which is already digested outside of the body, and which will aid the digestion of other foods that may be taken with it. Such a product is the Shaker Digestive Cordial.

The Shakers have utilized the digestive principles present in plants for the manufacture of this article, and its success has been truly phenomenal. You can try it for the nominal sum of 10 cents, as sample bottles are sold by all druggists at this price.

Laxol is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

## THE MILLIKIN HOME BOARD.

Meeting Held at the Residence of Mrs. A. T. Hill.

The regular monthly meeting of the members of the Anna B. Millikin home board was held yesterday at the residence of Mrs. A. T. Hill. Mrs. T. T. Roberts served as secretary.

Reports. The secretary's report was read and approved. Mrs. A. T. Hill reported the coal bill as \$38.20 and other expenses at the home at \$160. The president reported that the dinner given recently netted a profit of \$205 for the home fund. The treasurer reported the financial condition as being very encouraging. She reported that \$4 received from the sale the quilts was used for Christmas at the home and that the bill of D. A. Moffit for \$12 for ice had been donated to the home.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Moffit. The treasurer's report was read and approved. The net proceeds of the minarels were reported as \$616.50, which makes a total of \$819.50 on hand for the new home.

A motion was carried that the board extend thanks to those who assisted in the minarels entertainment, also thanks to those who patronized the entertainment and dinner given by the board. The secretary was instructed to publish this action of the board.

Committee. The visiting committee named was: First week, Mrs. Frank Wells; second week, Mrs. I. A. Buckingham; third week, Mrs. F. O. Danrow; fourth week, Mrs. John Ulrich.

Mrs. M. D. Camp and other ladies at Harrisburg, who sent two boxes of provisions to the home dinner, and Bradley Bros., who sent dresses, aprons and other articles to the inmates of the home Christmas, were tendered a vote of thanks.

Mrs. Dasher reported that she had a number of dishes and cooking utensils at her home that were left at the home dinner.

The following bills were ordered paid: Matron and assistant, \$11; supplies at the home, \$5.70; groceries, \$5.98; M. F. Metz, coal bill, \$32.40. The Arcade meat bill was ordered paid when presented.

## WOODFORD WAS RETAINED

Asst. Sec. of the Y. M. C. A. — Other Officers Elected Last Night.

The members of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. held a meeting last evening for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. It has been rumored that N. W. Woodford, the general secretary, would resign and this reason the meeting was of special interest and was largely attended. As soon as the board was called to order Mr. Woodford stated that he had heard some of the members were divided in regard to certain matters of importance and that as a division was not a good thing for any work the cause had better be removed. He said that if the board thought it would be advantageous for him to resign he would do so at any time. He then withdrew and the members discussed the matter. Both sides were brought up but it was found that most of the members were in favor of Mr. Woodford. His work was compared to other general secretaries the association has had and it was shown that he had accomplished more than the others. Mr. Woodford's friends said that he was as well qualified as any other man in such places and it was suggested that he association might not have given him the support he should receive. It was finally decided that Mr. Woodford should be requested to remain in his position and a vote to that effect was unanimous.

The other officers elected were as follows: President—D. A. Strader. Vice President—E. P. Irving. Secretary—J. L. Deck. Treasurer—J. E. Willis.

A. J. WOOD IS SECRETARY. A Change in the Savings Fund Building Association. L. L. Burrows, President.

The board of directors of the Savings Fund Building association held their adjourned meeting last night and elected officers as follows: President—L. L. Burrows. Vice President—B. O. McReynolds. Secretary—A. J. Wood. Treasurer—W. C. Outten.

The members of the board are L. L. Burrows, B. O. McReynolds, H. A. Wood, F. C. Roby, H. E. Foster, W. C. Outten and L. E. Eymann.

The former officers of the association were the same as at present except that W. C. Outten was vice president and L. E. Eymann was secretary.

The board fixed the bonds of the secretary and treasurer at \$25,000 each, the same as last year.

Ex-Romanist. Margaret L. Shepherd nee Sister Magdalene Adelaide, will lecture in the Christian tabernacle on Thursday afternoon and evening, Jan. 7, afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Special private lecture to ladies only, subject, "Secret Confession to the Priest" exposed, and reasons why protestants should not marry Roman Catholics. Evening lecture at 8 o'clock, for both ladies and gentlemen. Subject, "The marriage of the mass: is the wafer the body, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. Admission 15 cents.—543t

Neural News. The Anonymous Eucharist club will meet at the armory tonight, instead of Jan. 12, as was at first intended.

The Whist club will have no meeting this week but on Friday of next will meet with Mrs. G. D. Thomas.

## Miss Vaughan's Mother Dead.

Mrs. Elizabeth Vaughan, mother of Miss Mary E. Vaughan, formerly a teacher in the Decatur High school, died on Jan. 3, at the home, 425 Warren avenue in Chicago. The burial was at Mendota on Tuesday.

Pinafore. A meeting of the Decatur Musical club was held meeting last night at the C. A. Foster conservatory there are thirty-five members of the organization. They have decided to produce "Pinafore" at the Grand on Feb. 2d for the benefit of the Anna B. Millikin Home. W. A. Boettger will name a committee to arrange with the home board for the production of the opera. Mrs. Ada Haines-Stoner, F. E. Dunn and wife and Sherman McClelland have been engaged to take part in the opera.

## The Late Joel B. Brown.

The funeral of Joel B. Brown, a veteran druggist, and brother of Captain W. J. Brown, took place at Springfield this afternoon. Mr. Brown died on Monday afternoon, aged 56 years. Mr. Brown was a native of Sangamon county. His father was in the drug business at Petersburg and Taylorville, and when he reached the age of 18 in 1858, Mr. Brown, with his half brother, C. C. Brown, came to Decatur and opened a drug store in this city, which was continued until 1883, when they started in business in Springfield. Captain Brown is at Springfield today to attend the funeral.

## The Prohibition Club

The a Journal meeting of the Prohibition club was held last night at the city council rooms when a constitution was adopted and it was arranged to hold an other meeting at the same place on Feb. 19. W. E. Mann, A. D. Bridgman, E. A. McKenzie, J. M. Dawson, A. J. Miller and W. T. Boudles were present. The constitution was signed by the following: Dr. A. D. Bridgman, S. D. Ferris, N. E. Adams, R. B. Rutherford, B. R. Phipps, E. S. Johnson, W. F. Neidermeyer, J. H. Hall, E. W. Jones, C. S. Wilber, R. F. Davidson, A. Litsenberger, W. E. Mann and Dr. Clark.

## Insurance Meeting.

The stockholders of the Mosquito township mutual insurance company met yesterday afternoon in Hine's hall in Blue Mount. There was a large attendance of members. The official reports show policies to the amount of \$685,575 in force and that a very small assessment has so far been sufficient to meet the running expenses. Officers were elected as follows: President—H. J. Yarnell. Treasurer—J. K. Keister.

Directors—J. A. Armstrong, H. J. Arnold and Wm. H. Boon.

The first loss which the company has been called on to pay in the six years of its existence was the burning of Richard Thompson's farm residence yesterday. Mr. Thompson was attending the meeting when informed of his loss.

## An Old Story

Most of the notoriety of the little village of Chestnut in Logan county, arises from the fact that it was selected as the hiding place for the body of Abraham Lincoln when a band of thieves attempted to steal it on July 3, 1876. It is claimed that a hollow log had been carefully prepared on a piece of and owned by Mr. Daniel Clark two miles west of Chestnut and near the old Dan Haven grist mill. In this the body of Lincoln was to be hidden after it had been stolen from the same place at Springfield. John Carroll Powers, the custodian of the Lincoln monument, has repeated the story thousands of times, and tells how the plots of the vandals were revealed and thwarted. Chestnut received its name from a large chestnut tree, the only one in the vicinity, which stood twenty-five years ago on the site of the present depot of the Illinois Central.

## A Disappointed Girl.

The story is told of a little girl who came to the conclusion not long ago that she wanted a bicycle. She had always been taught by her mother to pray for what she wanted, and for two or three nights in succession there was a good deal about wheels in her supplications. So her father and mother put their heads together to try and arrange to have the prayers of the little miss answered. After a long discussion they agreed that a tricycle would be more suitable and less dangerous for one of her age, as well as less expensive. A tricycle was accordingly produced and the little girl found it waiting for her one morning when she got up. She seemed the least bit disappointed when she saw it, but said nothing. Most of the day was spent in wheeling about near the house, but when it was time for her to go to bed at night her fond parents were somewhat startled to hear her begin her prayer as follows: "Oh, Lord, don't you know the difference between a bicycle and a tricycle?"

## VOLUNTEER FIREMEN.

William Dodson Elected President of the Organization.

These officers of the Volunteer Firemen's association were elected last night at the meeting held at the office of Over-seer McClelland in the court house:

President—Wm. Dodson. First Vice President—James M. Hughes. Second Vice President—Peter Hainbacher.

Third Vice President—F. B. Mueller. Secretary—Eugene Kepler. Financial Secretary—A. Stoenaker. Treasurer—W. W. Mason.

George Kraft and C. W. Devore were named as the delegates to the convention to be held at East St. Louis. This convention will determine the place for holding the next tournament.

## DRINK AT MEALS.

## An Important Part.

The real trouble with tea and coffee drinking is not generally understood. It is common knowledge with everyone that physicians advise the discontinuance of both tea and coffee when a person is sick, particularly when the digestive machinery is affected. Any person with a slight knowledge of chemistry can make the following experiments, securing the results as given. Coagulated egg albumen when mixed with artificial gastric juices, will be practically entirely digested in eight hours.

When tea is added during the process of digestion, 86 per cent of albumen will be digested leaving 14 per cent undigested, while if a decoction of coffee is mixed with the albumen, the result will be but 61 per cent digested and 39 per cent undigested. This means one thing, and the experiment speaks that fact plainly. When tea or coffee is taken into the human stomach, they very seriously interfere with the natural and healthful operation. Where a person has an exceedingly powerful digestive apparatus, he can stand this abuse for a time, but it is sure to tell sooner or later.

In addition to the above it may be said that any ordinary analytical chemist can analyze coffee and show the poisonous alkaloids of much the same character as found in strychnine, whiskey, tobacco and morphine. These poisons have a direct effect on the liver, and a furred tongue, constive bowels, and skin and various other indications of approaching sickness are apparent. These facts have been recognized by physicians for many years, but it is difficult to induce people to leave off their habits even when those habits are shown to be injurious and to shorten the existence of the human body.

The manager of La Vita Inn, a health institution at Battle Creek, Mich., made a large number of experiments in the direction of a food diet that would be at once nourishing, palatable and fragrant, without any of the poisonous or injurious properties. His experiments were confined to compounding and arranging products of various cereals, or grains, such as were intended by nature for man's subsistence. Being in a position to note the effect of the beverage upon weak stomachs, and patients who need the most nourishing food and drink that could be obtained, his experiments were conducted under what would probably be considered the most favorable circumstances. After continued use and the most positive evidence of the healthful properties of the food, drink, patients who had been healed wished to continue the use of the cereal drink after their return to their homes, and others made demand for it.

In order to supply this demand and the public generally, the Postum Cereal Co., Limited, was formed. All people who drink coffee and tea do not care to discontinue their use, although quite satisfied of their harmful properties. There are enough people, however, in America, who hold their health in high enough esteem to be willing to give a little attention to their food and drink. There is no habit the creature acquires as the old fashioned habit of being thoroughly well. When a man can imbibe a deep breath of pure air and feel that every part of the machinery of the human body is working perfectly, the feeling of comfort produces a deep sense of easy content and thankfulness to the Creator for the mere privilege of living.

Postum is a thoroughly healthful food drink. It can be taken at each meal by all members of the family, including the children. It quickly establishes itself as an important part of the meal, and when left out, one misses the fragrant odor the comforting flavor and the health giving properties.

1 lb coffee (30 cents) gives 10 to 15 cups. 1 package Postum (25cents) gives 100 cups.

About 3 to 1 in favor of Postum. This item of economy is by no means the chief consideration. Health, comfort and red blood speak out strongly for the natural drink.

This pure food drink browns exactly the color of the richest coffee and has much the same fragrance and taste, with none of the harmful properties.

## TWO ECLIPSES THIS YEAR.

The Sun Will be Darkened in February and July.

Two eclipses of the sun are scheduled for the year 1897. The first one will take place, the astronomers say, Feb. 1. It is what is known as an annular, or ring eclipse, which means that the moon will pass across its center in such a way that if an observer were in a favorable position he would see a large black spot in the face of the chief luminary, with a wide ring of light about it. The eclipse will be visible to North America, south of a line drawn through Boston, Memphis and La Paz, Lower California. It will be best observed in this country from the southern states.

The second eclipse is due July 29, and will be visible in all parts of the country.

Another Good Man Gone Wrong. He failed to use Foley's Kidney Cure for his kidney complaint. Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Kroes.

Al. Hartman, alias Hollman, who is suspected of the murder of Mrs. Oddie, of Ford county, has been returned from the jail at Champaign to that at Paxton.

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Some one has recalled the fact that Sen-  
ator David B. Hill's lecture tour ended  
with one lecture and concludes that in  
this respect W. J. Bryan has done no  
better.

What this country wants is a debt re-  
ducing tariff bill instead of a debt creat-  
ing tariff bill—a tariff that will create a  
demand for labor instead of one that de-  
stroys the demand for labor in this country.

Whatever the new administration may  
do as to the Cuban affair it is safe to say  
that if Spain undertakes to continue the  
struggle she is now guilty of there will  
be a reckoning along that score that will  
teach her there is a God in Israel.

The Pennsylvania Central railroad  
earnings were \$5,755,000 less in 1896 than  
in 1895. This is a sample of the price the  
country has been paying to try the fool-  
ish experiment of voting away the jobs  
the American workmen had in 1892 and  
destroying the home market. But that  
foolishness will soon be reversed and will  
not again be tried.

This country cannot and never did  
prosper under a policy which builds up  
industries abroad at the expense of our  
own on the theory that we want to make  
it easy for the peddler of foreign goods to  
find buyers here on the assumption that  
we can buy our goods cheaper in that  
way. Buying things cheap does not  
mean prosperity. The great question is  
the best means to enable our people to  
buy goods at any price.

## The Speakership.

The contest for the speakership could  
not, it seems, be divorced from the sena-  
torial contest with the candidates an-  
nounced for the honor of presiding over  
the house. E. C. Curtis, who was selected  
as the Republican candidate for that  
position, was a compromise, forced by the  
senatorial situation, and his selection was  
made by acclamation. This means that  
the senatorial fight will be a bitter one in  
all probability.

The friends of Martin B. Madden ex-  
pected to elect as speaker, either Allen of  
Vermont, or Selby of Sangamon. The  
opposition to Madden were for Cochran  
or Bryan. To complicate the situation  
Schubert of Cook, was a candidate for  
speaker and had the Cook county delega-  
tion at his back. The friends of Madden  
did not desire his election, first because he  
was a Cook county man, and second, he  
did not possess the qualities essential for  
the office and the business he would be  
called upon to execute. He stuck like a  
leech, however, and this rendered all  
efforts to land Allen or Selby impossible.  
With this situation the election of Coch-  
ran seemed inevitable. There was only  
one way out of the dilemma and that was  
to bring out a new man not mixed up  
with the senatorial fight, and Curtis was  
selected. Having done this Mr. Schubert  
and Mr. Allen were both convinced there  
was no further use in keeping up their  
lightning rods and down they went.  
This dragged Selby down also and it was  
soon discovered that out of all the ele-  
ments Curtis had votes enough to insure  
his nomination and it was conceded to  
him by acclamation.

This was a happy solution of what  
promised to give the house a whole lot of  
trouble through the entire session. Its  
organization will prove harmonious, as  
Curtis goes in without pledges to any one,  
and that body will be untrammelled by  
factional differences which might de-  
stroy its usefulness to the people. The  
senatorial question will have to take care  
of itself and will not be mixed up with  
the organization of the house, as it  
might, and to doubt would have been,  
in the case of some other elections. So far  
as the speakership is concerned the result  
of the house caucus was a sort of dog fall  
—a surrender of the opportunity to count  
none. Mr. Curtis is said to favor Can-  
non or Calhoun for senator.

The senate was also organized without  
reference to the speakership. The fight  
there was as to the supremacy of two fac-  
tions, each wishing to organize the sen-  
ate. The result in that branch was the  
defeat of what is known as the Evans  
crowd.

## The Beet Sugar Industry.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat: There  
does not seem to be any good reason why  
the United States should lag so far behind  
other countries in the production of beet  
sugar. The 4,350,000 tons of that article  
produced in 1895 are credited mainly to  
Germany, Austria, France, Russia, Bel-  
gium, Holland and Sweden, our share be-  
ing only 20,000 tons; and yet the natural  
conditions are more favorable here than  
anywhere else in the world. We have a  
large area of territory in which the sugar  
beet can be successfully grown, but it is  
generally devoted to corn and other un-

profitable crops. Our farmers do not re-  
alize how much better it would be for  
them to turn their attention to a product  
of this kind than to go on clinging to  
things that do not pay. The consump-  
tion of sugar is so large—over 60 pounds  
per capita annually—that there is no dan-  
ger of producing more of the raw material  
than can readily be sold at a good price.  
We are paying a vast sum every year to  
the foreign producers of sugar which  
ought to be kept at home and made to  
contribute to the prosperity of agricul-  
ture and of the general labor interest.

To be sure, the success of beet sugar-  
raising in other countries is due in some  
measure to the fact that they pay boun-  
ties on the product; but if they can afford to  
pay bounties, so can we, if such a policy  
is necessary in our case. The fact of most  
importance is that we are buying the  
bulk of our sugar abroad when we have  
the means to produce it at home, and  
other nations are thus profiting by our  
neglect of a splendid opportunity. There  
are now three beet sugar factories in Cal-  
ifornia, one in Utah, two in Nebraska,  
one in New Mexico, one in Virginia and  
one in Wisconsin, and they have demon-  
strated that the sugar can be made here  
as well elsewhere. The area within which  
the soil and climate are favorable to beet  
culture extends practically from the At-  
lantic to the Pacific, and the possibilities  
in that respect are fully equal to the large  
existing demand for sugar. Here, then,  
is one way in which the depression of ag-  
riculture can be relieved, and the return  
of good times materially promoted. What-  
ever may be needed in the form of friend-  
ly legislation should be provided as soon  
as possible. The industry is one that can  
be expanded to great proportions by prop-  
er encouragement and sufficient enter-  
prise, and the advantage to be gained is  
of a kind in which all classes of citizens  
are directly interested.

The tariff hearings continue and will  
close in a few days which shows a dili-  
gence on the part of the Republicans  
which is commendable. They will be  
ready with their bill as soon as the spe-  
cial session convenes. This shows that  
when the Republicans claim that protec-  
tion will restore prosperity they mean it  
and do not propose to put off action for  
eighteen months as the Democrats did  
after claiming that a revenue tariff would  
make the country more prosperous than  
it was in 1892.

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## MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 6, 1897.  
The REPUBLICAN is indebted to E. Z. Layler,  
dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with  
correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis  
and St. Louis for the following market quotations.

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Close- ing.
Wheat—				
January	83 1/2	83 3/4	81 1/2	78
May	74 1/2	74 3/4	72 1/2	76 1/2
July				
January	25 1/2	25 3/4	25 1/4	25 1/2
May	20 1/2	20 3/4	20 1/4	20 1/2
July				
January	19 1/2	19 3/4	18 1/2	18 1/2
May				
July				
January	7 1/2	7 3/4	7 1/4	7 1/2
May				
July				
January	3 1/2	3 3/4	3 1/4	3 1/2
May				
July				
January	3 1/2	3 3/4	3 1/4	3 1/2
May				
July				

TO-DAY'S REPORTS—CORN AND  
Wheat—St. Estimated, 17. Year ago, 79.  
Corn—St. Estimated, 15; a year ago, 23.  
Oats—St. Estimated, 11; a year ago, 18.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.  
Wheat, 15; Corn, 85; Oats, 110.  
 hog receipts 30,000; estimated 30,000. Mar-  
ket steady.  
Light, \$3.00; Mixed, \$3.00; Heavy, \$3.00; Rough, \$3.00.  
Estimated for to-morrow, 40,000.  
Cattle receipts, 18,000; market 10c lower.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.  
St. Louis, Jan. 6.—Wheat, cash, No. 2,  
50c; May, 50c; Corn, cash, 20c; May, 22c;  
Oats, cash, 18c; May, 16c.

NEW YORK MARKET.  
New York, Jan. 6.—Wheat, May, 77c; Corn,  
May, 31c; Oats, May, 23c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Butter, steady, cream-  
ery, 15c; Eggs, 12c; Feb., 14c.

PHOENIA QUOTATIONS.  
PHOENIA, Jan. 6.—Corn, cash, No. 2 white,  
20c; Oats, steady, No. 2 white, 16c; Hye, 37c.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Noyes, of Joy Pra-  
rie, Morgan county, celebrated their gold  
wedding last Thursday, having lived  
in that vicinity during their entire mar-  
ried life.

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mation of the American People. No other is  
"just as good." Best Infant Food.

## HATS AND HEADACHE.

Average Weight of Woman's Head Cover-  
ing and Its Effect on the Brain.

With all its other sins the fashionable  
big hat is charged with being the cause  
of an endless number of headaches.  
"It is owing to its weight," ex-  
claimed a doctor. "Hats that press  
down on the forehead with a mass of  
weight in front are particularly to  
blame. It's hard to get a woman to  
admit that her hat is too heavy, but it is  
so. When you consider that a woman's  
brain, on the average, weighs about 44  
ounces, or four ounces less than a  
man's, and that she puts on a hat  
weighing half as much as the brain,  
while the man's hat weighs hardly one-  
quarter what his wife's hat does, it's in-  
teresting. I think sometimes that  
probably the less a woman's brain  
weighs the more does the hat she puts  
on it."

With a pair of scales a number of  
millinery establishments were inspec-  
ted. In a big Sixth avenue millinery de-  
partment, where imported hats are the  
rule and few head coverings under ten  
dollars are to be found, the heaviest  
hats that could be found were brought  
out. The heaviest was a white felt  
braid, sailor shape, with a pyramid-  
shaped mass of flowers made to rest on  
the corner of the brow and a cushion of  
velvet under the brim. It weighed  
12 ounces easily. A big hat that had an  
eight-inch brim and was heavily loaded  
apparently with a jet rope edge and  
jet around the crown only tipped eight  
ounces. The department manager  
smiled as he said:

"All is not jet that shines this year.  
It is a substitute to reduce the weight  
of the hats."

A hat, all of chinchilla fur, that  
looked heavy enough to prove a load  
weighed only eight ounces. A little  
steel bonnet, the size of a hand, weighed  
nine ounces. The average weight of  
half a dozen big hats of the worst the-  
tier class was only eight ounces. Over  
on Fifth avenue, in a shop from which  
the best-dressed women get the most  
exclusive fashions, the manager smiled.

"It's nonsense, I am sure, about  
headaches and big hats," she said.  
"Why, we use every art to decrease the  
weight of these big hats. We even use  
willow for foundations. We often  
change and alter hats with just that in  
view until the largest hats will be  
lighter than the smaller ones. Here is  
one, for instance."

And she selected an immense black  
hat in one of the new French shapes.  
It towered a foot in the air, with a  
mass of white plumes. About the  
crown was a twist of white tulle and  
some velvet. The hat measured at least  
a foot one way and considerably more  
from back to front. On any but a  
large head it would have looked top-  
heavy. On the scales it weighed only a  
scant four ounces and the manager of  
the place smiled triumphantly. Only  
one hat in the entire shop weighed 14  
ounces. One weighed 12, but appar-  
ently the bigger the hat and price the  
less it weighed. Prices of such creations  
never drop. They rise.

Down in Grand street everything ran  
the other way. A real Grand street hat,  
properly trimmed, with the requisite  
stylish number of wings and ornaments  
of various kinds—a hat as big as the  
four-ounce Fifth avenue hat—hardly  
weighed less than 11 ounces. It was  
easy to find them weighing 19 and 20  
ounces. Something "most magnifi-  
cent," which cost \$19, was the champion  
heavyweight at 24 ounces, and was war-  
ranted to give any but a giantess or a  
woman with a constitution of iron a  
chronic headache.—N. Y. World.

## ONE STUDENT'S BAD MISTAKE.

He Tries to See a Young Woman at the  
Northwestern University.

This is an incident which illustrates  
the exciting times which the students  
of the Northwestern university have  
once in awhile. It hinges on a rule in  
the government of woman's hall, which  
is the dwelling place of the young wom-  
en students. That rule is in effect that  
no young man may call and succeed in  
passing the portal Thursday evenings.  
And it happened one of the young men,  
who is in his first football year, tried to  
get a few moments of profound conver-  
sation Thursday evening with one of  
the dwellers of woman's hall. He knew  
the Thursday evening rule. It is the  
first rule he learned at the university.  
When he rang the bell he waited a lit-  
tle while and a young woman appeared.  
"Take this card to Miss —."

"It is against the rule. This is not  
calling night."

"Oh, that's all right. Here's a quar-  
ter for you. Now hurry up like a good  
girl."

"You will pardon me if I don't do as  
you wish," said the young woman. "I  
am Emily Huntington Miller, dean of  
woman's hall, and I cannot violate such  
an important rule for a quarter owing  
to the responsible position which I  
hold."

The student recovered from the shock  
sufficiently to get home that night un-  
assisted, but he has a relapse every  
time he sees the dean of woman's hall.  
Thursday evening was the first time he  
learned that the timid-looking little  
woman was really Miss Miller.—Chica-  
go Chronicle.

## Reign of Brocade.

This is decidedly a brocade season;  
brocade wool with satin and silk fig-  
ures, and brocade silk. Both these  
materials come in self-colors, in con-  
trasts and in harmonies. Perhaps the  
purples and lilacs, combined in fig-  
urings with white, seem the prettiest and  
richest. But still that may be an in-  
dividual fancy, because the plush pink,  
with white, the orange with canary, the  
blue with green are beautiful, and far  
more becoming to some natures than  
any of the purples.—Chicago Tribune.

Encouraging.  
Softly—By Jove, old fellow, when a  
man's in love he begins to think that  
his eyes are open for the first time.

Sympathizing Friend—Yes, and when  
it's all over he sometimes has the same  
sensation.—N. Y. Truth.

## INN AND SCRUGGS

### DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

#### THE BIG STORE WATER, MAIN & STATE STREETS

### HOSIERY FOR HALF

An immense clearance sale of all our winter hosiery for ladies and children. A reduction which usually comes much later in the season. Don't fail to take advantage of these splendid offers.

Ladies' Wool Hose, regular price 20c pair, January Sale price.....10c pair  
Ladies' Ribbed Wool Hose, regular price 25c pair, January Sale price.....12 1/2c pair  
Ladies' Fine Cashmere Hose, regular price 35c pair, January Sale price.....17 1/2c pair  
Children's Wool Hose, regular price 15c to 20c pair, January Sale price.....11c pair

### Barrels of Shirts....

About 50 dozen more of those fine "American Quality" fancy colored bosom shirts, in Persian and royal stripe effects, the dressy, up-to-date shirt, for which your haberdasher would ask you \$1.00,

#### Special Sale Price, 49c

SEE WINDOW ON SOUTH WATER ST.

### DRESS GOODS MARVELS

The January Sales mark the beginning of the end of a season. We must make room for our early spring invoice. Rather than carry the goods over we will make prices such as you can find only at "The Big Store."

## INN AND SCRUGGS

### DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

One case of Novelty Suitings, chevrons, homespun and covert cloths. Full double widths and all wool. They would be cheap at 50c. Clearance price per yd.....30c

### IMMENSE CLEARING SALE OF BLACK DRESS GOODS.

Heavy Serge, 46 in. wide, sold at 65c. Clearance price.....30c  
\$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 Paris Brocade, per yd.....\$1.50  
We have a few Fine Pattern Dresses bought especially for the holiday trade. We will slaughter them at just about one-half their regular price. \$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98 and \$7.50 each.  
Remnants of Novelty Serges, Casimeres, etc., in lengths from 2 to 5 yards at 25c, 50c and 75c per yard. Some of them sold in full length for \$2.50 per yd.

### Ladies' and Children's Mittens

Just the right kind of weather to induce prudent buyers to take advantage of these unusual offers.

18 doz Ladies' Ribbed Wool Mittens, regular price, 15c pair, January sale price.....10c pair  
10 doz Ladies' Double Mittens, plain and fancy back, regular price 25c, January sale price.....17 1/2c pair  
40 doz Ladies' Coral Placed Lined Mittens, regular price 35c, January sale price.....23c pair  
10 doz Ladies' Kid Lined Mittens, plain and fur top, regular price 60c, January sale price.....40c pair  
5 doz Ladies' Kid Lined Mittens, fur top and palm-leaf spring wrist, regular price \$1, January sale price.....65c pair  
Odd lot Children's Mitten and Kid Lined Mittens, plain and fur top, small sizes regular price 50c to 75c, January sale price.....33c pair

## INN AND SCRUGGS

### DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

### Underwear Much Reduced

Prices almost cut in halves to effect a speedy and positive clearance of all remaining Winter Underwear.

30 doz Ladies' Extra Heavy Ribbed Vests, regular price 25c, January sale price.....16c each  
30 doz Ladies' Wool Paced Vests and Pants, regular price \$1, January sale price.....30c each  
30 doz Ladies' Fine Egyptian Union Suits, regular price \$1, January sale price.....90c suit  
30 doz Children's Egyptian Union Suits, regular price 50c, January sale price.....27c suit  
30 doz Children's Heavy Ribbed Vests and Pants, regular price 25c, January sale price.....15c each

## BULL'S Cough Syrup

The People's Friend. In use for fifty years.  
Cures Cough, Cold, Croup, Whooping-Cough, Grippe, Bronchitis, Asthma and Lung Affections.  
DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP is sold everywhere for only 25 cents. Refuse cheap substitutes.

Chew LANGE'S PLUGS, The Great Tobacco Antidote, 10c. Dealers or mail, A.C. Meyer & Co., Baltimore, Md.

### The People's Savings and Loan Association

Shares in the 37th Series can now be obtained at the Office of the Association,

Upon which the monthly payments are as follows:  
IN CLASS "A" 50c per share, per month, for about 120 months.  
IN CLASS "C" \$1.00 per share, per month, for about 72 months.  
IN CLASS "E" \$2.00 per share, per month, for about 42 months.

PEWITT C. SHOCKLEY, PRESIDENT.  
ALBERT BARNES, SECRETARY.

OFFICE:  
140 S. Water St., Opera House Bldg.,  
DECATUR, ILL.

We are in receipt of another lot of that fine FORMOSA OOLONG TEA. 80c per pound was our price last year; to-day we reduce the price to 60c a pound, or 5-pound lots \$2.50. A nice Christmas Present for Tea Drinkers.

### GREAT EASTERN COFFEE & TEA CO.,

W. H. DARR, Manager.  
143 East Main Street.

## VITALIS

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.

1st Day. 10th Day. 20th Day. 30th Day.

THE ABOVE RESULTS, 30th Day: It quickly and surely cures: Nerves, Nervousness, Impotency, Nephritis, Gonorrhea, Evil Dreams, Wasting disease and all effects of self-abuse or excess and indigestion. Restores Lost Vitality, Power and Fading Memory. Wards off Inanity and Consumption. Cures when all other fail. Insists on having VITALIS, no other. Can be carried in the pocket. By mail \$1.00 per package or six for \$5.00 with guarantee to cure or refund the money. Circular Free. Address: CALUMET MEDICINE CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

Put into Decatur by Dr. A. J. Stoner & Son, Druggists

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Will yet  
The coldest  
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Our prices are  
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YOU—

Will yet need Heavy Clothing. The coldest part of the Winter season is still to come. You cannot afford to freeze when you can buy clothing at such remarkably low prices as we sell them.

Our prices are as low as the Lowest. We do not ask you to take our assertion for this. Look elsewhere first, come to us, and then let your judgment solve the question.

## B. STINE CLOTHING CO.,

245-249 NORTH WATER ST.

NEXT TO BRADLEY BROS.

## WEDDING RINGS! WEDDING PRESENTS!

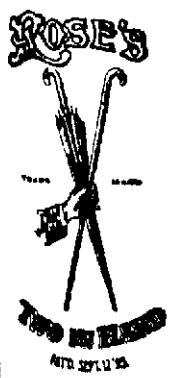
Largest Variety.  
Lowest Prices.

OUR STOCK OF

## Rich Cut Glass

Is unequalled in the city.

**W. R. Abbott & Co.,**  
JEWELERS.



## UMBRELLAS.

ELEGANT LINE...

At Prices to Meet All Pocketbooks!

Handkerchiefs, Neckwear,  
Hosiery, Corsets.

**H. C. Anthony**  
DECATUR, ILL.

## AT GRAND ARMY HALL

Joint Installation of Newly Elected  
Officers—Presentations.

FLOWERS, GIFTS AND SPEECHES.

Many People Attend to Witness the  
Ceremonies—Officers of the  
Post and the Woman's  
Relief Corps.

The handsome hall of Danham Post, No. 141, Grand Army of the Republic, was crowded last night on the occasion of joint installation of the officers of the Post and of the Woman's Relief Corps, No. 4. It was a congenial, social gathering and many beautiful tokens of good will were exchanged.

W. R. C. Installation.

Mrs. Sallie K. Harwood, past president, installed the officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, assisted by Mrs. Jeannette Shinnel as conductress. These were the officers installed:

President—Susie H. Abel.  
Senior Vice President—Lutheria Doug-  
las.

Junior Vice President—Mary Davis.  
Secretary—Chloe A. Murphy.  
Treasurer—Carrie E. Spora.  
Chaplain—Jeannette Martin.  
Conductor—Emma Miller.  
Guard—Alice Clynner.  
Assistant Guard—Mary Herno.

Assistant Conductor—Gwenn M. White. Many gifts were presented to the outgoing and new officers. It seemed like Christmas. The officers presented Mrs. Sallie K. Harwood with a silver cream ladle. It had a gold lining and was a handsome present. The retiring president, Mrs. Effie R. Kennedy, was given several presents. On behalf of her friends in the corps, Mrs. Mary Snyder gave her an enameled clock. Mrs. J. G. Badenhausen, on behalf of the entire corps, gave her a diamond ring. Mrs. M. Gilbert gave a cutglass dish. Mrs. Mary C. Pool gave her a bust of Diana. Captain I. N. Martin, the retiring commander of the G. A. R. post, gave her a silk flag. The corps gave a past president's badge.

Accompanying the clock was this note of appreciation:

Decatur, Ill., Jan. 6, '97. Dear Mrs. Kennedy: Appreciating your long and faithful services as president of the Woman's Relief Corps of this city, and your untiring efforts to fully meet the obligations resting upon you in that responsible position and also highly esteeming those endearing qualities of heart and mind which make you a trusted friend, and welcome companion. We, the undersigned upon your retirement from office desire to present you with a slight testimonial of our regard and affection: Mesdames Mary Snyder, J. H. Inman, Badenhausen, Keyes, Brinkman, Mary Pool, Sallie Warren, Mary Martin, Alice Clynner, Manda Schilling, Mary J. Hamsher, Jeannette Martin, Winholzer, Douglas, Spaulding, Nellie Finley and Misses Ida Haworth, Chloe Murphy.

Poem.

This poem on "The Flag" was read, dedicated to Mrs. Kennedy by the author:

Emblem of freedom, flag we love!  
Born, and the shock of war's fierce roar.  
Thy crimson bars float bright above  
A land made free by patriots' gore.

Thy bars of white show peace between  
The dark red streams of bitter strife,  
With them the hope, God's arm shall save  
And love's best flag bring endless life!

Thy field of blue denotes the skies  
As fixed, just, pure—thy cause survives!  
Square is thy field, and tyrants hate  
Thy sign—assuring well in time,  
Thy certain fate.

Thy stars increasing as the night  
Falls after day shall none abridge  
Who trust in God and love their fellowmen  
Hoping to wear like Thee, a starry diadem.

Flag loved by Washington, true and brave,  
Flag floating o'er our martyred lin-  
coln's grave,  
Wave hope and joy to every land oppressed,  
Thine north the gospel banner, every soul  
shall rest.

Mrs. Susie H. Abel, the incoming president of the corps, was given a handsome cluster of roses from her husband, who could not be at the meeting and the corps gave her another cluster of roses.

Speeches were made by several, including Mrs. Sallie K. Harwood, Mrs. India Hill, K. Harwood and Mrs. L. Douglas.

At the regular meeting of the W. R. C., in the afternoon the outgoing president, Mrs. Effie R. Kennedy, made a report on the work of the corps in the past year. Eighteen have been added to the corps. Four have died. Considerable work in the way of relief has been done. A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Kennedy by friends. The retiring president gave to each of the old and new officers a bouquet of roses.

G. A. R. Post Officers.

The Post officers were installed by Major George R. Steele, past commander, as follows:

Commander—W. F. Cathorn.  
Senior Vice Commander—K. Harwood.  
Junior Vice Commander—C. M. Imboden.

Adjutant—R. P. Lytle.  
Quartermaster—F. L. Hays.  
Surgeon—Dr. J. G. Harvey.  
Chaplain—Rev. J. A. F. King.



Officer of the Day—James F. Steele.  
Officer of the Guard—A. King.  
Sergeant Major—M. Shea.  
Quartermaster Sergeant—G. V. Loring.  
Inside Sentinel—A. J. Johns.  
Outside Sentinel—John W. Smith.  
Comrade Calhoun in taking command of the Post asked for the co-operation of all the members and the societies connected with the Post to carry on the work of the organization.

There was a social time after the installation. All of the gifts were greatly admired.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Harry Moore and J. M. Clokey are in Springfield.

Attorney I. A. Buckingham went to Springfield this morning.

Mrs. Noble Baker, who has been ill at her home in Walnut Grove, is recovering.

Mrs. Harvey McClure departed last night for Worcester, Mass.

D. B. Polath and W. H. Cash left today for Sullivan to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Mary McDonald.

William Traver left this afternoon for Los Angeles, Cal. He will be gone all winter.

Mrs. Charles Waggoner and children have returned from an extended visit with her parents at Oklaoma, Miss.

Rev. D. F. H. went to Sullivan today to officiate at the funeral of the late Mrs. McDonald.

Miss Little Peck of Bement, is in the city visiting Miss Fattie Ward and Mrs. W. H. Nicholson.

Mrs. Henrietta Metz is home from Springfield where she has been visiting friends.

Bert Eldridge, of Gainesville, Texas, who has been visiting friends in the city, left today for Chicago.

Mrs. Arthur C. Lee, who has been visiting in Springfield, has gone to Jacksonville to visit relatives.

Mr. Voss and family of Assumption, returned home after a brief visit with relatives and friends of this city.

Miss Lena Rappert left for a few days' visit to her home in Ivesdale. She was accompanied by Mr. Z. K. Melhorn.

Mrs. William Scanlan of South Water street, has received word of the death at Colorado of her sister, Mrs. Josephine Albert of Chicago.

Miss Grace Gilmore left today for Jacksonville where she will attend school. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. W. F. Gilmore.

Mrs. R. J. Simpson and Misses Hattie and Jessie Brown are at Springfield today to attend the funeral of their uncle, the late Joel B. Brown.

Rev. George F. Hall in a few days will start on a lecture tour through the west and south. He will travel 8000 miles and deliver twenty-five lectures.

Winfield Hunt and Thomas Carson, who have been in the city spending the Christmas holidays, returned yesterday to Bourkonnas where they attend St. Vito's military school.

Mrs. Effie R. Kennedy the chairman of the state executive board of the W. R. C., left this morning for Quincy where she will visit Mrs. Helen S. Briston, the state treasurer of the corps.

Captain W. J. Brown left today for Springfield to attend the funeral of Joel B. Brown, who in 1855 for a time conducted a drug store in Decatur. The deceased was a druggist at Springfield and was 65 years of age.

Lindley Jones and Charles May, who have been in the city visiting their parents during the holidays, left this morning for DeKalb, Wis., where they attend the St. John's military academy. They are both members of the senior class and will graduate next June.

The Ideal Panacea.  
James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. At West's drug store.

County Court.  
The hearing on the petition for the appointment of a conservator for Mrs. Mary Shellbarger is set for Thursday, Jan. 14.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.  
The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fester Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.

Cut Glass.  
We are going to sell what cut glass we have left at prices that will please you. E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Seven saloonkeepers of Springfield have retired from business owing to high license and lack of custom.

Yes, 'tis true;  
Foley's Honey and Tar  
Is the best Cough Medicine.  
Neider Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.

## ORLANDO POWERS' BUILDING.

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### OFFICE BULLETIN.

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**DR. O. T. EDDY, DENTIST.**  
Suite 301 and 302.

**DR. J. H. EDDY, Physician and Surgeon.**  
SUITES 301 AND 302.

**DR. N. D. MYERS, PHYSICIAN,**  
SUITE 308.

**DR. H. P. BACHMAN, ...DENTIST...**  
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**DR. J. F. FRIBLEY, DENTIST.**  
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**DR. M. BRANDOM, OCULIST, SUITE 305.**

**DR. C. W. BRANDOM, OPTICIAN, SUITE 305.**

**DR. JOHN T. MILLER, PHYSICIAN.**  
SUITE 306.

**DR. W. M. CATTO, ...PHYSICIAN...**  
SUITE 309.

**DR. B. L. MAIENTHAL, PHYSICIAN,**  
SUITE 322.

**DR. J. G. HARVEY,** Will remove from Arcade Building to his new office, Suite 318, Orlando Powers' Building.

**H. L. OLDHAM, Agent of the Building.**  
ROOM 307.

TAKE ELEVATOR ON WATER STREET.

### POOR WEARY WILLIE.

His Grooms Frightened a Student Almost to Death.

Alpha B. Cosler, a student at Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., went into an old barn back of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter house the other night to find out what the protons issuing from that direction meant.

In the chapter house are kept the skulls and other gruesome symbols



ONLY A SICK TRAMP.

used by the society in its initiation. Proceeding in the direction of the groans, Alfred lit a match, and there, right in front of him, sat a skeleton. It was apparently laughing at him. Alfred did not see anything to laugh at, however. He screamed.

As he ran out he fell over a pile of bones, and when he returned to his room he told his friends who were assembled there that a murder was being committed. Investigation revealed a tramp, who had a bad attack of stomach-ache. It was he who had been doing the groaning.

Cat with Two Tails.  
Augusta, Me., is talking of a cat-o'-two-tails, such an animal being owned there by Percival Brothers. Only one of the tails can be stepped upon, that in the usual location; the other is on the puss's back.

Singing Class.  
Owing to the many engagements before holidays the organization of the singing class was deferred to Jan. 5. Let all who wish to learn to read music attend the first meeting. S. M. Lutz.—8d-4t

Take  
Advantage of our low prices on all Christmas goods next week.  
E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Edwin Beard, editor of the Watsons Times, has published a volume of poems for presentation to his many friends.

A splendid offer to ladies  
A nice piece of music will be given free with each copy of a January magazine.  
Chodat News House.

Mrs. McKee has an old couple named McKee, aged 87 and 88 years, who have celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

### CREAM PATTIES.

#### THURSDAY

## PATTIE DAY

HARRY SNARR'S.

Something Special every Tuesday and  
Saturday at Reduced Prices  
will be

..Displayed in the Windows..

## I Have Not Moved

I am still at 1080 North Main Street,  
but am willing to move all my  
goods at the following low prices:

50 lbs. hand-picked Kidney Beans,	\$1.00
21 lbs. Granulated Sugar,	1.00
9 bars Lenox Soap,	.25
11 bars Calumet Family Soap,	.25
25 lbs. Cracked Hominy,	.25
8 lbs. Bulk Starch,	.25
5 gal. W. White Oil,	.50
6 gal. good Oil,	.45
Good Can Corn,	.05
2 lb. can Pie Peaches, 10c; 3 cans,	.25
3 lb. can Table Peaches, per can,	.10c to .20c
3 lb. can California Table Peach,	.20
5 lb. can Pumpkin or Squash, 10c; 3,	.25
Potatoes per bu.,	.25
4 two pound packages Rolled Oats,	.25
10 lbs. Bulk Rolled Oats,	.10
Penny Pickles, per doz.,	8kc
Mediums, per doz.,	.05
Small, per doz.,	.05
Tip Top brand Tomatoes, 8c; 2 cans,	.15

These prices are for Spot Cash Only.

**S. S. ALLSUP,**  
1080 NORTH MAIN ST.

New Telephone 545.

### ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of Arthur Smith and Stanley Calkins. Doing business as Smith & Calkins—Doctors. The undersigned hereby gives notice that Arthur Smith and Stanley Calkins, doing business as Smith & Calkins, of the City of Decatur, in the County of Macon and State of Illinois, at the 31st day of December, A. D. 1896, transferred to the undersigned, as assignee, all his property, real and personal, for the benefit of his creditors, according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.

All persons having claims against the said Smith & Calkins are hereby notified to present such claims, under oath or affirmation, to me, at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from this date.

W. H. ELWOOD, Assignee.  
Dated December 20, 1896. [Jan 6-97]

**R. H. OLIPHANT,**  
No. 325 East Main Street.  
New Quarters with a New Barber Shop and Express Line Combined.  
**CHAS. PERKINS**  
Will Cut Hair for ... 10c  
Will Shave you for ... 10c  
When you want a Wig, ring up old phone 442

**Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.**  
Jan 24-44w







## THE MOON'S WANDERINGS.

Some Astronomical Information for the Curious.

To explain the remarkable variations in the place of the moon during different months we must consider the effect of the inclination of the ecliptic to the earth's equator. The ecliptic is the path in which the sun appears to circle the heavens once every year.

The ecliptic crosses the plane of the equator at two opposite points, called the vernal and autumnal equinoxes. The sun arrives at the vernal equinox about the 21st of March, and at the autumnal equinox about the 21st of September. During the interval the sun is north of the equator, and consequently its path lies high in the heavens as seen from our planet. But during the other half of the year, while it is passing from the autumnal to the vernal equinox, the sun is south of the equator, and its path consequently runs low in our heavens.

New moon travels around the earth in a plane not very much inclined to the ecliptic, and it takes 29 days, 12 hours, 44 minutes and eight minutes to complete its orbit. But the sun takes 365 days to circle the heavens while the moon takes less than one month. Accordingly at one time we find the moon near the sun, and about two weeks later just opposite the sun.

It is clear that when the moon is near the sun, as at new moon, it will be north of the equator if the sun is north, and south if the sun is south. But when the moon is opposite the sun, as at full moon, it will be north of the equator if the sun is south, and south if the sun is north.

We have just seen that from autumn until spring the sun is south of the equator. It follows that in winter the full moon will be north of the equator, and will run high in the sky. On the other hand, during the summer, when the sun is north of the equator, the full moon will be south of it and will run low in the sky. Some variation is produced by the inclination of the ecliptic, but this inclination, being small, may be neglected in a general explanation.

In consequence of its eastwardly motion around the earth the moon rises, on the average, about 41 minutes later every day. This interval is called the daily retardation. It is shortened or lengthened according to what part of the ecliptic the moon is near. In the latitude of New York the interval may vary in length between twenty-three minutes and one hour and seventeen minutes.

The retardation is greatest when the moon's path is steepest to the horizon, and least when the path has the smallest inclination. The latter condition occurs, with respect to the full moon, about the time of the autumnal equinox. At that season the full moon travels in a path very little inclined to the horizon, and so, for several evenings in succession, will rise at nearly the hour of sunset. The next following full moon in October also has its path but little inclined and its retardation shortened, and is called the hunter's moon.

Some persons suppose that the crescent of the new moon promises wet or dry weather according as its horns are so inclined that the hollow between them looks as though it could or could not hold water. Of course there is no relation between the weather and the position of the new moon's horns. The inclination of the new moon can readily be accounted for, at any time, when we bear in mind the fact that a line drawn from tip to tip of the horns must always be at right angles to the direction of the moon's path.

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How do these plants spread so fast and so far? They are not carried about and planted. No one would be so foolish as to sow Russian thistles. The mother-plant must have ways of her own for sending her offsprings abroad into the world. Plants propagate themselves in two ways, from seed or from buds. Sometimes these buds are borne on slender runners. A strawberry plant, after it has blossomed, begins to send out such runners, with buds, unfolding into leaves, along them. These tufts of first connected with the parent plant, but later the runners between break away, and each tuft becomes a new plant. Many grasses, like Bermuda grass and the troublesome quick, propagate in this way, by creeping stems, each joint sending out a bunch of roots below and a bud on the upper side. If you try to hoe up such grasses, you only make matters worse, for each joint when cut off is ready to form an independent plant. Such grasses spread very fast, and soon take possession of the land they get into.—Thomas H. Kearney, Jr., in St. Nicholas.

Tridentally a Mistake. "What is your friend Gutzke's occupation?" "Business—He's the skipper of a schooner." "I never saw him skip one."—Philadelphia Record.

The jet mines of England seem to yield less and less of that mineral. Ten years ago as much as 4,070 pounds were raised; last year only 168 pounds formed the total of the production.

## A HUGE ELECTRIC FURNACE.

A New Way to Treat Iron Ore—It May Work a Revolution.

The new process which De Laval, the Swedish engineer, has invented for the conversion of iron ore into pure metallic iron or into steel is attracting attention for several distinct reasons. One is that the man himself has already derived both wealth and fame from two of his earlier inventions, a machine for milking cows and a steam turbine. Success like this justifies a good deal of curiosity in regard to any fresh scheme that he may propose. Another reason is that the attempt is made, in the De Laval process, to accomplish in one operation what it usually takes two to perform, namely, the complete elimination of the impurities associated with the metal as found in the earth. Instead of producing pig iron first, and then converting this into commercial iron or steel bars, the ingenious Swede completes the job with a single heating. Thirdly, he proposes to employ electricity in his work on a colossal scale, and for that reason he and other capitalists whom he has associated with him are buying up a lot of the best water powers in Sweden. Among those already secured is one developing 60,000 or 70,000 horse power! The Iron Age, which makes this announcement, says that four falls in one stream at Trollhattan combine to give the total here mentioned. While there is no reason to doubt the statement, it may be remarked that one cannot easily find this name in gazetteers or atlases. Trollhattan, however, is said to be the place where, for the last three years, De Laval has been carrying on his metallurgical experiments.

Electricity is already used in large quantities in the purification of Montana copper and the production of aluminum at Niagara and Neuhausen. But the processes in both cases are different from that which is involved in the new system of reducing iron ore. They are chemical in their nature, and effect a disintegration of substances dissolved in a bath through which a current is sent. What De Laval does, on the other hand, is merely to produce heat, precisely as is done in an electric welding machine, an electric cooking machine, or one of those tiny furnaces in which M. Moissan manufactures diamonds. By transforming his current, so that it has an exceedingly low voltage and a great volume, he obtains intense heat from the resistance offered by a receptacle which he interposes at the right point. In this manner he gets a higher temperature than with coal or gas, and gets it more quickly. So huge a scheme for producing heat with electricity is without precedent in industrial usage.

The material out of which De Laval's furnace is made has not yet been mentioned in any reports at hand. Moissan used bits of lime. But his apparatus was a mere toy in comparison with a modern blast or regenerating furnace. A little more information is vouchsafed, though, as to the arrangement of the contents. The ore is reduced to fine powder and mixed with pulverized peat. This compound is subjected to some preliminary warming in a rotating cylinder before being subjected to the electric current.

How far the general plan here mentioned is available for use in America is a question not easily answered at present. Swedish iron ore is different from that found in England and this country. Nevertheless, it might be practicable to employ the De Laval process here, and, if so, would prove particularly valuable in those parts of the country producing iron and not coal, but blessed with water power, which could be readily converted into electricity. N. Y. Tribune.

Water in Wood. It has commonly been estimated that green wood, when cut down, contains about 45 per cent. of its weight in moisture, but in the forests of central Europe wood cut down in winter is said to hold more than 40 per cent. of water at the end of the following summer. Kept for several years in a dry place, wood retains from 15 to 20 per cent. of water, while that which has been thoroughly desiccated will, when exposed to air under ordinary circumstances, absorb 5 per cent. of water in the first three days, and will continue to absorb it until it reaches from 14 to 16 per cent. as a normal standard—the amount fluctuating above and below this standard according to the state of the atmosphere. It has been found that, by exposing green wood to a temperature of 212 degrees F., the loss of weight equaled 45 per cent.; and, further, on exposing small prisms of wood one-half inch square and eight inches long, cut out of billets that had been exposed for two years, to the action of superheated steam for two hours, their loss of weight was found to be from 15 to 45 per cent., according to the temperature of the steam.—Chicago Chronicle.

California's Mustard Crop. "This country is now growing a large part of the mustard put up in England as well as in this country," said a commercial man, "and California is raising the larger part of it. The mustard seed has just been harvested in California, and probably will run up to 16,000,000 pounds, or 1,000,000 pounds more than the crop of 1895. The seed is kept six months before being ground. The brown seed has the best flavor and greatest pungency, while the yellow produces the most fashionable, however, and as a result there are ten pounds of yellow produced for every pound of the brown, though the brown is stronger and better in every respect. Probably one-half of the English mustard that is used in this country grew in California, though it was ground and packed in England. French mustard is the same as other mustard, the seed being soaked in vinegar, properly spiced for 24 hours before it is ground."—Washington Star.

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The little son of R. L. Jackson, of Hoopeston, was badly burned on Wednesday by the fire from a skillet in which he was frying meat. He may lose both his eyes.

The old way of delivering messages by postboys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious method of "breaking coles" compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Noyes, of Joy Prairie, Morgan county, celebrated their golden wedding last Thursday, having lived in that vicinity during their entire married life.

S. F. Fritz, of 677 Sedgwick street, Chicago, says: "I had a severe cough which settled on my lungs. I tried a number of advertised remedies and also placed myself under treatment of several physicians, with no benefit. I was recommended to try Foley's Honey and Tar. With little expectation of getting relief, I purchased a bottle. I had taken but few doses when I felt greatly improved. I was enabled to sleep, spitting of blood ceased, and by the time I had taken the second bottle I was entirely well. It saved my life." Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.

Frank Tenney, baggage master at the Big Four depot in Danville, was the victim of Louis Laird's knife and received an awful slash down the face that will disfigure him for life. The circumstances are not fully known.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Minonk has an old couple named McKeever, aged 87 and 83 years, who have celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

Foley's Honey and Tar Cough Syrup wherever introduced is considered the most pleasant and effective remedy for all throat and lung complaints. It is the only promise to cough medicine that contains no opiates and that can safely be given to children. Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.

The Walden Record, a paper that has been established four years at Walden, De Witt county, has suspended for want of patronage.

Soothing and not irritating, strengthening and not weakening, small but effective—such are the qualities of De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Jacob Yontz, a farmer living near St. Jose, is seriously ill from blood poison, caused by the dropping of a weight on his back last summer.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where the liver is." "Nay, your mind where the liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or left ear De Witt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lamps." A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The Pekin Gun Club is six years old, has thirty members and owns a deer range on the west side of the Illinois river. The Gilman hunters had a contest last Tuesday, resulting in bringing 164 rabbits, 31 squirrels and three crows.

To cure all old sores, to heal an indolent ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, you need simply apply De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve according to directions. Its magic-like actions will surprise you. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Edwin Board, editor of the Waukegan Times, has published a volume of poems for presentation to his many friends.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, are quickly cured by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it always cures them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Seven saloonkeepers of Springfield have retired from business owing to high license and lack of custom.

Absolutely pure, perfectly harmless, and invariably reliable are the qualities of One Minute Cough Cure. It never fails in colds, croup and lung troubles. Children like it because it is pleasant to take and it helps them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

There were three runaway marriages in Springfield during holidays.

The old lady was right when she said, the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. He had used it for croup before. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

## PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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City Ticket office removed from 1st Library block to 121 East William street, directly across the street. Telephone, New No. 38; Old No. 330. Union Depot Telephone No. 47, New.

**PUBLIC NOTICE.**  
Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make an application for the return of the County of Macon, Illinois, on Saturday, January 9, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as said return can be made. MARGARET JORDAN.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**  
By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of W. L. Johnson and against Arthur Flood and Catherine Flood, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lots one (1) and two (2), Block two (2), Plant & Lumber Addition to the City of Decatur. Taken as property of said Arthur Flood and Catherine Flood, in said County of Macon county, Illinois, on the 20th day of January, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., and for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

This 5th day of January, A. D. 1897.  
J. P. NICHOLSON,  
Sheriff Macon County, Illinois.

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**  
By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of P. J. Shull and against Violet Shockey and William Shockey, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Whatever right, title or interest Violet Shockey and William Shockey have in Lot five (5), Block five (5), Smith & Co.'s Addition to the City of Decatur. Taken as property of said Violet Shockey and William Shockey, in said County of Macon county, Illinois, on the 20th day of January, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., and for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

This 4th day of January, A. D. 1897.  
J. P. NICHOLSON,  
Sheriff Macon County, Illinois.

**ASSKINEE'S NOTICE.**  
In the County Court of Macon county, State of Illinois, in the matter of the estate of Edwin S. Spencer.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed asskinee of said Edwin S. Spencer, deceased, of Decatur, Ill., and all persons having any claim against said Edwin S. Spencer are hereby notified to present the same to me, the undersigned, within three months from this date, whether said claims are due or not. All persons indebted to said asskinee are requested to make prompt payment of the same.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 2d day of January, 1897.  
J. P. NICHOLSON,  
Asskinee.

**Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Operes**  
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Jan 24-dm

## BARGAIN COLUMN.

Advertisements a party words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable invariably in advance.

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**FOR SALE**—Fine land near Beaman and Port Arthur, Texas. Low prices. Easy terms. Good schools, low taxes, beautiful scenery. For particulars apply to J. H. FLEMING, 111 City Ticket Office, Decatur, Ill. Jan 6-dm

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B. F. BOBO, Manager.

# ASSIGNEE'S SALE....

—OF—

## Smith & Calkin's Stock Up to Date Furnishings and Hats.

This is the Finest and Cleanest stock of HABERDASHERY ever in the City of Decatur, and prices from now will be cut to less than you pay for inferior goods.

Don't fail to Call at the Haberdashery Store.

211 North Water Street.

W. H. ELWOOD, Assignee.

### YOU CAN'T EXPECT

Good results from poor medicines; all adulterations are harmful. Use the best. Everything in the Drug line and of the best at

KING'S DRUG STORE,  
Cor. Main and Water Sts.

### LOCAL NEWS.

**Don't**  
Fail to call upon us if you want a dinner set.  
E. D. Bartholomew Co.  
Irwin's Russian corn cure has no equal.  
Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.  
Toilet soap sale at West's drug store.  
You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but—

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kock.

Hot water bottles and fountain syringes reduced price at Irwin's.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made. Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-24

Glycerine toilet soap, 15 cents per box. former price 25c. West's drug store.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent. made by John Walgaard. Moh 25 ct.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

You will find the real estate and loan office of George W. Ehrhart at 187 North Water street, up stairs.—31-d1w

Dr. C. U. Smith, dentist, has removed from the Arcade to the Fairfield building, 224 North Main street.—3-d1w

The combination gas and electric light fixtures will be placed in the Knights of Pythias hall in Powers block tomorrow.

To accommodate all who desire to see Governor Tanner inaugurated the Washburn railroad will on Monday, Jan. 11, run a special train to Springfield, leaving at 7:30 a. m. Only one fare for the round trip. In addition to this tickets at above low rates will be sold for all regular trains of Jan. 9, 10 and 11, good returning till Jan. 12.

Ladies' and Children's made-up dresses, capes and cloaks nicely dyed, cleaned and pressed. Fine dry cleaning a specialty. Ladies' cloaks and capes re-lined and repaired. Plush and velvet cloaks and capes cleaned and steamed at Miller's New Steam Dye House and Dry Cleaning Works, 145 North Main street.

The Princess of the Orient.

The regular January meeting of the Princess of the Orient will be held Wednesday evening, January 7, at K. of P. hall in Opera House block. Let every prince be present on time.

Those who have not paid their dues will do well to come up and settle and save expense. Pay 50 cents now and it will not be \$2.00 after the 7th. The new password will be promulgated by the new pada shah, John Gardner.

Cheap Luncheon.

The following are the cheap prices at the lunch counter at the Union depot: Java coffee, 5c, sandwiches 5c, baked beans 5c, omelet 5c, pie 5c. Other things at reasonable rates.—4-d1w

Lamp.

We will make some prices on lamps that will induce you to buy if you need one.

E. D. Bartholomew Co.

Splendid Offer to Ladies.

A nice piece of music will be given free with each copy of a January magazine.

Chodat News House.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison, of Worthington, Ind., Sun writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Anna Stehle, 2825 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a headache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and strength. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a bottle at West's drug store

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### CARTER IS COLLECTOR

W. W. Foster Tenders His Resignation to Supervisor May.

### ACTION OF THE TOWN BOARD.

James S. Carter Appointed to Fill the Vacancy—Will Give a Bond for \$450,000.

The members of the town board for Decatur township held a special meeting this afternoon at the board office. The members of the town board are Supervisors Henry F. May, Justice Provost, Hardy, Shorb, Peddecord and Odor, and Town Clerk Wallace. The purpose of the meeting was to name a successor for W. W. Foster, township tax collector, who was elected last spring by a majority of 46 over G. W. Lehman, Democrat, but will not serve for the reason that on Tuesday he tendered his resignation. The reasons for resigning are stated in Mr. Foster's letter. The banks refused to go on Mr. Foster's bond and as he did not desire to ask his personal friends to become his sureties, he decided to resign. The office of collector pays \$1500 a year, out of which sum the collector is required to pay all expenses incurred. Supervisor May received the letter of resignation last evening. Since that time there have been many applications for the appointment, the town board having the power to fill the vacancy. Over a dozen names were submitted for the consideration of the board.

### Letter of Resignation.

As soon as the board was called to order the following letter from Mr. Foster was read:

To Hon. Henry F. May, Supervisor:

I had the honor last spring of being elected collector of Decatur township, a confidence of the people that I very greatly appreciated.

I am, however, confronted with a very great embarrassment. It has been for many years the custom of the respective banks of the city with whom the collector deposits the taxes as they are collected and who have the control and use of the same until settlements are made with other officers to go upon the bond of the collector and as this custom has been denied me, I have been left the alternative of procuring bondsmen among my friends outside of the banks or resigning my office. I believe it would be an act of injustice to ask these friends to go upon my bond under the circumstances. They neither have any use nor any control of those funds, and as my bondsmen would not only become responsible for my acts during the collection of these funds, but also for their safekeeping while on deposit at the various banks who have refused me this courtesy. I have decided that the only honorable thing for me to do is to place in your hands my resignation which I now do.

I desire, however, to say that I have no personal feeling against anyone, and desire to express through you my appreciation of the confidence of the people in conferring upon me this high honor.

W. W. Foster.

James S. Carter Appointed.

After the reading of the letter, the board proceeded to take an informal ballot to fill the vacancy. The ballot resulted as follows: James S. Carter, 4; A. S. Morgan, 2; Sherry Tuttle, 1. On motion of Justice Odor the appointment of J. S. Carter as tax collector was made by acclamation, whereupon the proper notification papers were made out and the board adjourned.

It is known that Mr. Carter will accept the appointment. He will experience no difficulty in filing a bond, and will doubtless be ready to begin the collection of the 1896 taxes tomorrow. He knows all the details of the office. He will do the work and draw the salary, two per cent on \$75,000, allowed by law.

### DEMPSEY AND REEVE.

Both Elected to Responsible and Representative Positions at Springfield.

Decatur has done well in Springfield. The Republican house caucus nominated John A. Reeve for clerk of the house by acclamation. Reeve has served the house in that capacity a number of sessions and is, perhaps, the best qualified man for the place in the state. He has heretofore had a competition in his races but always best all comers and this year there was none who had the temerity to go up against him and his nomination was by acclamation.

The election of H. Clay Dempsey, our popular townsman to the position of first assistant sergeant-at-arms of the senate, was a splendid selection as he is a gentleman of splendid address and will be popular. His election is largely due to the result of the fight to retire the old Evans crowd in the senate which was successful. Senator Kanan was in the party that made the successful attack on the Evans regime and was one of the leaders in arranging the successful fight, and in making up the list of officers he named Mr. Dempsey who was accordingly elected. The senate is to be congratulated upon the selection he has made as it will prove a popular one among the Republicans of Decatur. The Republican also congratulates Mr. Dempsey upon his success.

### WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING.

Business, Music and Luncheon—Address by Attorney Hutchison.

A largely attended meeting of the Woman's club was held Tuesday afternoon at the club house. Monthly reports were presented from the various divisions. Miss Brooks of Springfield, will be in Decatur Jan. 11, when classes in elocution work would be organized. It was answered that the lecture bureau had canceled the date for the appearance of Henry Watterson. The committee reported favorably on the plan to form a county club organization. This organization is to consist of the woman's clubs of the county and if individual women want to become club members on the payment of one dollar a year they will be made honorary members and can attend any meetings of the club when they are in the city. A vote was taken on this plan and it resulted in its adoption. Circulars will be sent out soon explaining the plan.

Entertainment.

Upon the Chautauqua division devolved the duty and pleasure of entertaining the club. This was the program:

Piano solo—Miss Neta Clark, selection by a French composer.

French Traits—Mrs. India McAllister. Ballad in "Chauvinisme"—Miss Beatrice Howard.

Pictures from French History—David Hutchison.

A French luncheon was served and was commented on as one of the delectablest served at a general meeting. The menu was as follows:

Anchoovy Sandwiches, olives and French coffee.

Addresses.

Attorney Hutchison in his dramatic pictures from French history charmed and delighted the ladies. He has been a close student of French history, and his familiarity with career of the nation and the principal actor in the turbulent times of that country, served him well in the capital address he delivered. He spoke especially of the characteristics of the famed figures in French history and made deductions which found hearty approval from those in the audience. Mr. Hutchison was highly complimented on his address.

Mrs. R. L. Walston gave a short address on the subject of suicide. She said: "I have been reading from authorities on the subject of suicide and what eminent medical men say about it and have changed my mind since the remark of a few days ago. I have not gotten up to make an address upon my deficiencies and ignorance, for it would take too much time, but want to quote a few remarks by Dr. Henry Morrell. He says that it is a real illness of the brain when a man contemplates suicide. He says that the deepest thinking people and the people of the highest mental development are the most addicted to suicide. The Germans, a race made up of the deepest thinkers and men of the highest mental development are more addicted to self destruction than the people of any other country. The nations made up of intellectual people are the most given to suicide, while the Slavonic countries record the fewest suicides, says Dr. Morrell. Idiots and feeble minded persons do not kill themselves. Two friends of my own have taken their own lives lately and they were both men of the highest mental development. Suicide becomes epidemic and is caused not from one thing alone but from a number of causes and reasons in the victim's mind. The rule holds good, according to Dr. Morrell, that the strength of the tendency to self destruction can be almost regarded as an index to people of high civilization."

Death of Mrs. Dunn.

Mrs. Mary Dunn of Milan township, died at 2:35 p. m. today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas McGowan, No. 943 East Eldorado street, aged 57 years. She came to this city just before Christmas to visit during the holidays and was taken ill of pneumonia and the attack resulted in her death. Mrs. Dunn was the widow of Peter Dunn. She has lived in Milan township for many years and was well known in that part of the county. She leaves seven children. They are John, Louis and William Dunn, Mrs. Anna Henniberry and Miss Nellie Dunn of Milan township, Mrs. Thomas McGowan of Decatur, and Mrs. Minnie Nowlan of Los Vegas, New Mexico. The funeral will be held from St. Patrick's Catholic church tomorrow at 2 p. m. and the burial will be at the Catholic cemetery.

Pension Agent Here.

L. E. Rogers, United States pension agent, was in the city today on business. He was here to visit some of the physicians with the view of gathering testimony in regard to a pensioner who is applying for an increase.

Funeral of James Keeley.

The funeral of the late James Keeley was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Patrick's church. The burial was at the Catholic cemetery.

Counterfeit dollars are quite plentiful about Danville.

### EICHINGER VERDICT

On the General Issue is in Favor of the Conservator.

### FINDING A PUZZLE TO ATTORNEYS.

Juryman Seem to Have Satisfied Both Sides—Judgment Will Be Entered Next Monday.

In the case of S. S. Jack, assignee vs. J. W. Race, conservator, better known as the Michael Eichinger litigation the jury after being out all night brought in its finding this forenoon. Judge Vail read the verdict as follows:

The Verdict.

The court instructs the jury that under the issues in this case they are required only to answer the following question, to-wit: At the time of making the deed of assignment as set forth in the bill of complaint was Michael Eichinger in such a state of mind as that he could understand and intelligent transport the ordinary affairs of life? Answer, "No."

Special Interrogatories.

In addition to the passing upon the main issue in this case the jury will answer the following questions, the same to be answered according to the preponderance of the evidence.

1. Was Michael Eichinger insane on the 14th day of February, 1896, when he executed the deed of assignment? Answer, "No."

2. Did Michael Eichinger on the 14th day of February, 1896, at the time of executing the deed of assignment in evidence have sufficient mental understanding to know the general nature and effect of the deed he executed? Answer, "No."

3. Did Michael Eichinger at the time he executed the deed of assignment understand and know that he was largely involved in debt and that the effect of the assignment would be to apply his property, or so much of it as was necessary, to the payment of his debts? Answer, "Yes."

4. Did Michael Eichinger at the time he executed the deed of assignment have sufficient understanding of mind to realize that the effect of the deed would be the application of his property, or so much of it as was necessary, to the payment of his just debts? Answer, "No."

5. Did Michael Eichinger at the time of the execution of the deed of assignment have sufficient mind to understand and transact ordinary business affairs? Answer, "No."

6. Did Michael Eichinger at the time of the execution of the deed in question understand and know that he was conveying his property to S. S. Jack as assignee, for the benefit of his creditors and in order that his debts might be paid? Answer, "Yes."

A Puzzle.

The reading of the verdict caused the court and the attorneys to smile. The "yes" and "no" answers were a puzzle until an explanation was made by one of the jurors. He said in the word sufficient occurs they felt that they could not answer in the affirmative. Where that word was left out they could answer "yes."

On the general issue the verdict is in favor of Conservator Race and it is quite probable that after the attorneys get through dissecting the verdict Judge Vail will order Assignee Jack to turn the estate over to the conservator. Such is the conclusion of the attorneys for Mr. Race.

Both sides in the controversy seem to be satisfied with the verdict. Judge Vail said he would not enter judgment in the verdict until the next term of court which will begin on January 11, next Monday. Court stood adjourned until the next court in course.

Social Events.

The members of the Anonymous club will hold a meeting this evening at the Guards' Armory. They will play cards and supper will be served.

The Friday afternoon club will not meet this week but will be entertained by Mrs. G. D. Thomas on Friday of next week.

Leonard's department store in the Gallagher block which was badly damaged by fire about a week ago, will be opened again next Friday morning. The loss on the stock was adjusted at something over \$5000. Dr. Benjamin Brown, of Chicago, is in the city and this afternoon will meet the insurance men to adjust the loss on the building.

To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.

Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists.

The Chorus' Class.

Will resume their rehearsals on Thursday, Jan. 7. S. M. Lutz.—2d-5t

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